

Guessing Game Surrounds Trips By Negotiators

Kissinger In Saigon While Tho Leaves Paris For Hanoi

SAIGON (AP) — U.S. presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger arrived in Saigon tonight and Le Duc Tho, his North Vietnamese adversary in secret peace talks, flew to Hanoi amid widespread speculation about a new move to end the war.

There was no official con-

firmation of the new peace move, and Tho contended there was no basis for it. But some diplomats in Washington and Paris surmised that Kissinger, who met with Tho in Paris Monday, would try to persuade President Nguyen Van Thieu to agree to a compromise formula approaching the enemy's de-

mand that Thieu step down.

Others suggested that Kissinger and Tho would report a deadlock in their secret Paris sessions, with Kissinger reassuring the uneasy Thieu that President Nixon will not let him down.

There also had been speculation in Saigon that Kissinger might fly on to Hanoi after ending his visit here Friday. But informed sources said Kissinger would fly from here to Tokyo Friday en route back to Washington.

He will stop in Tokyo to make final plans for the forthcoming summit conference between Nixon and Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka scheduled for Honolulu at the end of this month, sources said. Plans call for him to leave Tokyo on Saturday.

Tho, leaving Paris today, told newsmen he wanted to emphasize that his trip was "a routine one and has no other meaning...is in the framework of my usual comings and goings." Tho, a member of North Vietnam's Politburo, said the speculation about his trip "in general...does not correspond to reality" and "could lead to inexact conclusions."

A Hanoi spokesman in Paris said Tho, a Politburo member, was going home on a "routine trip" for the anniversary of Vietnam's August 1945 revolution and North Vietnam's national day on Sept. 2. Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said Kissinger's two days in Saigon will include "a general review of all aspects of the Vietnam problem, including the negotiations in Paris."

He cautioned against speculating about a breakthrough in the Paris talks. He said the trip had been under consideration for several weeks.

Meanwhile, sources in Saigon disclosed today that Nixon has ordered another round of U.S. troop withdrawals beginning after Sept. 1, when the level is expected to be down to 39,000 men. This does not include another 100,000 Americans fighting the war from air bases in Guam and Thailand and from ships off the Vietnamese coast.

When Ziegler announced June 28 that Nixon had ordered 10,000 men withdrawn in July and August, he said another announcement on possible further pullouts would come a few days before Sept. 1.

There seems little doubt that Nixon would like to have a Vietnam peace deal before the November election, but the White House is keeping the specific aim of Kissinger's journey a tight secret.

Public statements by Thieu since the new round of Kissinger-Tho sessions began a month ago have been interpreted here as showing concern by the Saigon leader

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CARRYING THEIR TEAMMATE: The remaining members of a slow-pitch softball team from Deerfield, Mich. carry the casket of Tom Forche, 22, who, along with three other teammates, died in an auto accident outside of Deerfield Saturday night. Forche's casket is being

carried from the school gymnasium where a one-hour non-denominational service was held Tuesday for the four men. (AP Wirephoto)

Suit Charges Investor 'Delivered To Swindlers'

DETROIT, (AP) — A man who went to a suburban Detroit bank seeking financing to buy a motel was delivered "into the hands and clutches of a ring of sophisticated swindlers," a federal court suit charges.

An independent check by the Associated Press shows the suit's charge that Detroit investor James M. Conway ended up dealing with "fly-by-night, ephemeral entities with pompous titles but no assets" is substantially true.

Conway is seeking more than \$2.5 million in damages from the Oakland National Bank and Management Futures Inc., both of suburban Southfield, and from Financial Development Inc. of Warren, Mich. A former officer of the Oakland Bank and several officers of Management Futures and Financial Development also are named as defendants.

The suit, filed last week in U.S. District Court in Kalamazoo charges that Conway's troubles began last July when

he visited a branch of Oakland National Bank, where he was a depositor, seeking money to buy the Cascade Motor Inn in Grand Rapids.

An officer of the bank referred him to William Sickles, a lending officer at the bank's main office. The suit says Sickles referred Conway to P. David Vincent, president of Management Futures.

On July 15, 1971, Vincent sent Conway a letter from Joseph Marrosso of Financial Development telling him that Pacific Guardian Corp. of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., had obtained a \$600,000 loan commitment from "a lending institution with certified net assets in excess of \$100 million."

Conway was told he would have to pay a finder's fee (money paid by a borrower to third parties who arrange financing) of 6 per cent of the loan's value, or \$36,000.

On the instructions of the "finders," the suit says, Conway, on July 15, sent a \$6,300

certified check to United Title Escrow Agents of Fort Lauderdale. This was followed on July 30 by a \$12,000 cashiers check.

Both checks were endorsed by United Title Escrow to Gibraltar Title & Escrow Co. Photostats of the checks show no endorsement by Gibraltar, but both checks were accepted by the First National Bank of Pompano Beach, Fla., and later by the First National Bank of Miami.

The suit charges the two Florida banks negligently accepted checks with incomplete and fraudulent endorsements. An additional \$15,000 in fees was paid directly to Vincent.

On July 29, the Normandie Trust Co. of Panama City, Panama, issued Conway a \$600,000 "irrevocable letter of credit," which eventually proved to be worthless, leading to collapse of the motel deal.

Conway is suing all the defendants for recovery of more than \$30,000 infinder's fees. The Oakland Bank, Management

Futures, Financial Development and the individual defendants are being sued for \$2.5 million in losses resulting from the collapse of the motel deal plus punitive damages.

Pacific Guardian, United Title Escrow, Gibraltar Title & Escrow and Normandie Trust

are named as co-conspirators but not defendants.

No hearing has yet been set in the case.

An Associated Press investigation found that the further the chain of companies was

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It's Not All Quiet On GOP Front

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A few voices of dissent today jarred generally placid hearings of the Republican Platform Committee as GOP liberals called for an unqualified pullout from Vietnam, busing to aid desegregation and the legalized use of marijuana.

The proposals were offered by Sen. Jacob K. Javits of New York and supported by a handful of other witnesses. The 108-member committee seemed certain to spurn them in drafting a platform to the liking of President Nixon for next week's GOP convention.

The voices of 75 prominent Republican women, including U.N. delegate Shirley Temple Black, also were heard. They issued a statement late Tuesday demanding "more positions for women at every level of our party" and a strong women's rights plank.

Javits told platform drafters he would not offer a formal Southeast Asia plank, "knowing well the position of the President on Vietnam," but he declared:

"I believe the time has come to terminate completely our active commitment to this war and to end all U.S. participation in it. It is time that the South Vietnamese carried on the war themselves and that we

withdraw without qualifications."

Javits urged the platform writers to "support the efforts of the courts to eliminate de jure (legally prescribed) segregation of the schools, including where necessary and reasonable, the remedy of busing."

His position closely approximates a Democratic platform plank which says busing must continue to be available "to eliminate legally imposed segregation and improve the

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Michigan Buys Japanese Plane

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The State of Michigan is purchasing a \$487,000 Japanese Mitsubishi airplane for use by the governor, state officials and legislators.

Given public "Buy American" sentiments, however, state officials are somewhat defensive about the acquisition.

"Unfortunately," gubernatorial aide Glenn Allen said, "it carries a Japanese name. But 75 per cent of the parts are made in America."

Governor Milliken adds that trade is a two-way street, and that Michigan hopes for expanded sales in Japan.

State Aeronautics Commission experts said while the Mitsubishi costs slightly more, it surpasses domestic competitors in operating costs, landing distance, speed, ceiling and takeoff distance.

It carries six passengers, plus a crew of two.

Embalmed Babies Mystery Solved

DETROIT (AP) — Three babies found wrapped in newspaper in a Detroit garage Monday died of natural causes shortly after birth and had been embalmed for burial, Wayne County Medical Examiner Dr. Werner Spitz said Tuesday.

The three, in small pine coffins, were found by Mrs. Bernice Hoagland, widow of former funeral director George R. Hoagland, Jr., as she was cleaning her garage.

Hospital wrist tags with the bodies allowed establishment

of identity, Spitz added.

Two of the babies died in 1960, one in 1963, Spitz said.

"What happened is that the children were born in hospitals and died shortly after," Spitz explained. "They were delivered to the funeral director, who embalmed them, got them ready for burial, but never interred them."

Mrs. Hoagland said her husband had been ill for some time when he retired from his one-man funeral company in May, 1963.

Lake Temperature

The temperature of Lake Michigan at shoreline today was 65 degrees.

Golf at Paw Paw Lk. G. C. Adv.

B.P.O.E. 544 Steak & Corn Roast, Aug. 20th, starts 4 p.m. Adv.

PHONEGRAMS are fun to play and may win you valuable prizes. Today's game appears on page 28. Adv.



OFF FOR SAIGON: Presidential adviser Henry Kissinger, shown in Laax, Switzerland, where he came to celebrate his parents' golden anniversary Tuesday, left today for South Vietnam to review the situation there for President Nixon. Sitting with his daughter Elizabeth, 13, Kissinger is riding a cable car to the top of one of the Swiss Alps. (AP Wirephoto)

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Editorial Page

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Another Fragile Mediterranean Alliance

On paper last week's announced intention of the Egyptian and Libyan governments to form a merger of unspecified dimensions sounds good. The two countries have a common border, a common religion and an abiding distaste for Israel. Egypt has a population of 34 million, a sizeable standing army and a comparatively high technological background. Libya's 2 million inhabitants are scattered over a vast, barren territory which has enormous oil reserves. Putting Egyptian knowhow and Libyan money together gives the impression of a Wall Street Journal report on two business firms in a parallel position deciding to face the world together. With all this going for the consolidation, the question is why Anwar Sadat, Egypt's cautious president, declared that the alliance would not take effect until October, 1973 and that its final form is still in the discussion stage. One answer may be because he is circumspect. Pan Islamism is a religious tradition which has not functioned as a political reality except as somebody was able to enforce it by military clout. Turkey's Ottoman Empire was the last to exercise that dominion and it fell apart in World War I. In truth the Empire was a decaying house decades before that conflict broke out and all that General Allenby did was to push the rotted timbers to the ground in his Asia Minor military expeditions. He scored a highly efficient success because the Empire's constituent members were looking for an outside force to enable them to go their separate ways. The latest attempt to revive such a

union is well implanted in Sadat's mind because he was a part of the inner circle when it was tried and when it collapsed. In 1958, Sadat's predecessor, Gamal Nasser, and the Syrian government formed the United Arab Republic. Nasser could not control the Ba'athist clique which ran the Syrian apparatus. They broke up the UAR before Nasser died last year. The union continues in name only under a loosely knit arrangement called the Federation of Arab Republics. Col. Muammar Kadafi, the Libyan chief of state, is every bit as unpredictable as the Ba'athists. He is a hip shooter, a man who prefers to leap before he looks. He is the strongest minded anti-Israel leader in the entire Arab world. This makes him a loner among his counterparts in many of the Arab states who if they do not like Israel doubt the value of military force being the only means to settle their differences with the Jewish state. Sadat is indicating the same frame of mind. He is looking for some means to reach agreement with Israel which will not give the impression at home or abroad of Egypt coming out second best in whatever negotiations can be made. This would not be the easiest accomplishment with a mercurial partner like Kadafi in the picture; and if an accommodation is reached with Israel, the Libyan militarist would likely repudiate whatever contract he had with Sadat. Reciprocating economic and military commitments between the two countries makes sense. An outright merger seems remote because there is room at the top for only one man at a time. It is hard to imagine Sadat or Kadafi voting himself into a Vice Presidency.

Staggering Work Hours

In a New York City campaign that has relevance for any metropolitan center affected by commuter traffic congestion, the Midtown Task Force on Staggered Work Hours is urging more than 1,000 midtown Manhattan firms to change their working days by at least a half hour at both ends of the day. The organization, made up of 26 civic and trade associations and public agencies, says that more than 750,000 midtown employees now work from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. By starting their work days earlier or later, the Task Force says, the city's severe transportation congestion would be eased. A study showed that at a single subway station in the area, 7,757 riders entered at the 5 p.m. quitting time, but 3,334 fewer riders went through the turnstiles 15 minutes earlier. Nearly 100,000 lower Manhattan employees, many of whom occupy the World Trade Center, already work staggered hours and are responsible for a congestion reduction of 26 percent in the morning peak period and a similar drop at the other end of the day. If the Task Force program is effective in midtown and ultimately elsewhere in Manhattan, the effect on traffic should be significant. Spacing out commuters and their automobiles, and easing massive daily backups at the Holland and Lincoln Tunnels, where buses and private cars jockey for strategic entry positions, are at least two possibilities. And if staggered hours work in New York, why not in other cities?

Asinine UN Action

When the communists wish to punish or disassociate themselves from an individual, all references to the luckless person are stricken from the life and literature of the country. He becomes an un-person, as if in the communist bloc at least he never existed. This happened to Stalin and Khrushchev. Never in modern times, however, has there been an uncountrified Taiwan, seat of the Chinese Nationalist government, is on the way to achieving that distinction in the halls and records of the United Nations. The UN has begun to expunge every mention of Taiwan from its publications and documents and to remove other reminders that the "Republic of China" exists, such as a plaque which identifies a gift to the world body. The plaque has been removed. The gift, a green marble slab carrying a gold engraved quotation from Confucius, was allowed to remain. Some of this obliteration is being carried out at the insistence of Peking, which maintains that Taiwan is an "inalienable part" of mainland China, and some upon the anticipation of that insistence. Communist China may succeed in removing Nationalist China from written and visible UN annals, but it will be hard put to erase Taiwan's accomplishments in commerce, education, trade, construction, nutrition and per capita income, all of which, on a comparative basis, exceed Communist China's efforts by far. This hard bitten denial of Taiwan's existence is a puerile exercise conceived in spite. It fools no one and hardly comes under the heading of diplomacy.

Earth's Secrets

In a few years, if experiments already projected are undertaken, man will know more about what goes on in the bowels of the earth than he does now. The earth's crust is believed to be a thin layer, no deeper relatively than the skin on an apple, floating on a hot interior of liquid metal and rock. The crust bends slightly under the moon's and sun's gravitational pull. It has discontinuities or faults. The liquid underneath is not liquid as man understands it. It is transformed by vast pressures into a substance whose molecules are crowded together into a form of matter of whose laws relatively little is known.

Fence Mender?



GLANCING BACKWARDS

GRAY RETIRES
SEPT. 30
—1 Year Ago—
Elisha (Bud) Gray, II, who turned Whirlpool Corp. into a billion dollar producer, announced plans today to retire Sept. 30 as chairman of the board and chief executive officer, in keeping with the firm's mandatory retirement policy. Concurrent with Gray's retirement announcement, the board of directors elected President John H. Platt, a native of Benton Harbor, as the new chairman and chief executive officer. Platt, who is 53, will also continue as president. Gray will reach his 65th birthday on Sept. 7. He will remain a member of the board of directors and was elected chairman of the board's finance committee by the directors today.

AUCTION STEER AT FAIR
—10 Years Ago—
The chant of the auctioneer this morning at the sale of the meat animals shown at the Berrien County youth fair wound up the serious phase of the fair for the young exhibitors. All judging was completed yesterday. The Grand champion steer owned by Kenneth Siefert, 17, of Three Oaks, sold shortly before noon today at the fair's livestock auction for \$912. The prize 950-pound Black Angus was purchased by Mrs. Myron Hect, owner of the Twin Springs Camp, Berrien Springs. Her bid was 96 cents a pound.

THE FAMILY LAWYER

'Bad Guy' On Trial
Investigating the forgery of several checks, police uncovered enough evidence to bring a corporation official to trial. But they also discovered something else: he had been living with another man's wife. Could this evidence be used against him in court? The judge said no, because it could easily turn the defendant into a "bad guy" in the minds of the jurors. "The deep tendency of human nature," warned the judge, "is to punish not because (the defendant) is guilty but because he is a bad man and may as well be condemned now that he is caught." This is why evidence of bad character usually cannot be used against the defendant in a criminal trial. Unless it has a direct bearing on the issues in the case, it is considered too inflammatory to be trusted. On the other hand, if the defendant tries to prove that his character is good, that "opens the door" to rebuttal by the prosecution. For example: A woman was accused of the fatal shooting of her husband. During the trial, she took the witness stand and swore she had always been a loyal wife to the deceased. But two men were promptly summoned by the prosecution to give testimony about her

extramarital escapades. The court held that their evidence was admissible, since she had already opened the subject by claiming to be virtuous. What about proof by the defendant that his victim was a "bad guy"? In a murder case, the defendant tried to bring in evidence that the man he had allegedly killed was a rogue and a troublemaker. He said he wanted to prove that the man's death was no great loss. But the court refused to allow this evidence, because it had nothing to do with the question of guilt or innocence. "It is just as serious in the eyes of the law," said the court, "to murder a bad man as a good man."

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

MOTORIST IRKS
CONCERT GOER
Editor,
I would like to publicly thank the "Jack-Ass" who parked his full size station wagon next to my truck at the Sun. (Aug. 13) concert in St. Joe. You not only got your car into a spot that any compact car would have had trouble getting in, but you let your children get in the back seat in that tight spot and each one left his mark on the side of my vehicle. I figure with you loose on the road by the end of next concert season I will need a new bed on the back of my truck.
Donald J. Yager
Route 4, Box 211-D
Coloma.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. (AP) — Pickets were scheduled to appear this morning at the gates to the Kellogg plant, according to Norman Dudley, leader of a black employees group. Dudley said he and about 30 others would picket the cerealmaker in support of four black employees suspended or fired recently. Dudley said the workers were fired or suspended for "minor incidents." Dudley said one man was fired for sleeping on the job, another was laid off because of mental health and two were suspended because of chronic absenteeism. The company declined comment.

BOMB EXPLODES
BELFAST (AP) — Two Teenage boys and two girls planted a bomb in the center of Belfast today but there was enough warning to avert casualties.

Ray Cromley



Agriculture Gain In South America

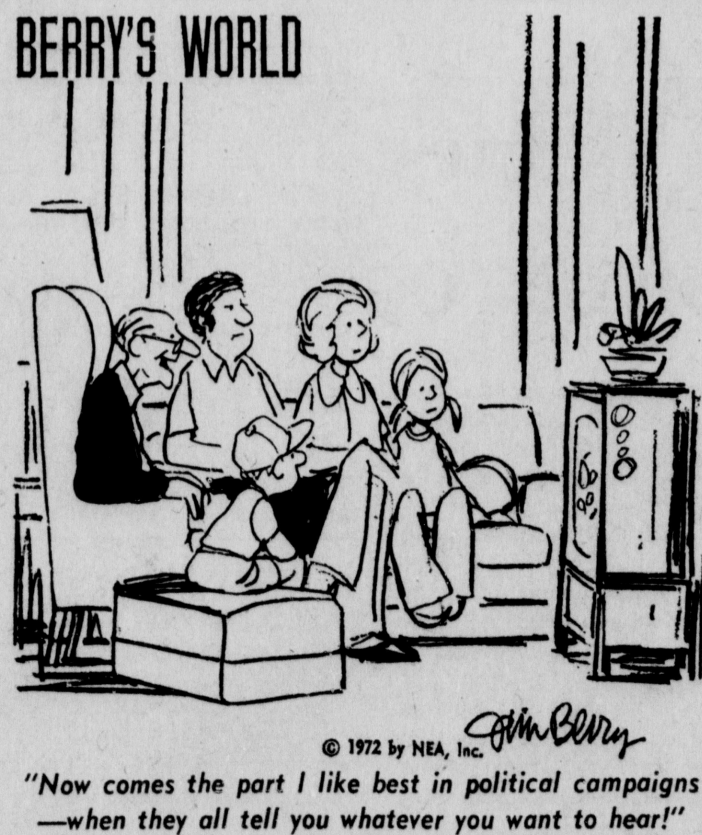
WASHINGTON (NEA) — It is folly to castigate ourselves for "the failure" in our Latin American aid when real growth south of the border is now running at 6.6 per cent a year. That is higher than the original optimistic Alliance for Progress target. It's almost double the 1971 average growth rates of the developed countries. The case of Brazil is noteworthy. That country reached an average growth rate of 9.3 per cent from 1968 to 1970 and probably 11 to 11.5 per cent in 1971. On the average, Latin American growth of late has been heavily in manufacturing, construction, electric power and transportation. By comparison, mining has been slow. Agricultural efficiency has lagged in many respects. Because farm productivity has increased at such a slow rate on the average (despite some sensational exceptions) and because South and Central American population growth has been so rapid, agricultural output per capita has gone up but one-half of one per cent a year of late, despite the rapid expansion of agricultural land in some countries and some very real U.S. assistance in increasing agricultural efficiency in some Latin lands. Under these circumstances, it is most difficult to understand why we have not done better overall in exporting our agricultural know-how, an area in which the United States has considerable expertise. Rural poverty is great in wide areas of Latin America. The resultant despair is real. Many farm youths with no future have drifted to the cities, creating disease-ridden slums and untold misery. This pool of hopelessness makes political stability next to impossible. It discourages democracy and breeds dictators. It has moved even nonleftist governments in Latin America to expropriate private property, both domestic and foreign. In talking about food productivity gains, rice is the major exception. In country after country to the south there have been increases of 20, 25, 50 and even 100 per cent in the past decade. Rice yields in Peru, for example, approach those of the United States. Major yield increases are possible in other crops. This has been accomplished with wheat in Mexico and in Brazil, with corn in Argentina, Chile, El Salvador and Jamaica, and with sorghum in Guatemala, Uruguay and Paraguay. These gains demonstrate that this type of know-how is exportable despite differences in culture, agricultural traditions, soil and weather. The answer, of course, has been to help develop strains suited to local conditions. This has been illustrated again and again with rice — in India, Pakistan, the Philippines, South Vietnam and in Latin America and elsewhere where the miracle strains have created agricultural revolutions. Americans have done some remarkable work in Mexico and in several other Central and South American countries.

Marianne Means



Johnson Snubbed By McGovern

WASHINGTON — Presidential nominee George McGovern and his new running mate, Sargent Shriver, faced the nation last week from a convention platform upon which serenely gazed mammoth portraits of the last four Democratic Presidents. McGovern then officially launched his delayed campaign by consulting with party Congressmen, mayors and officials in an attempt to continue the image of Democratic stability and continuity which those portraits were meant to symbolize. But the illusion of unity was a fragile thing. McGovern himself dealt it a serious blow during his talk to the convention — his third major speech as the party's nominee. McGovern praised the courage and vision of three of the Democratic Presidents whose pictures hung above his head. But he conspicuously failed to mention the name of the fourth, Lyndon B. Johnson. This deliberate snub to the party's only active living former President was not lost on the assembled Democratic National Committee. And it did not go down well. It was one thing to gloss over Johnson's name at the Miami Beach convention which was dominated by young McGovern supporters to whom Johnson is the symbol of the Vietnamese War they have so vigorously opposed. They might well have booed mention of Johnson or otherwise embarrassed him and the party. But there was no excuse to ignore Johnson before the national committee, which is composed heavily of more conventional politicians. Nor was it smart politics to leave out Johnson's name before the national television audience, since his remarkable domestic legislative record is one of the best arguments the Democrats can present for being returned to power. Johnson was responsible for revolutionary breakthroughs in civil rights, education, and medical care — all areas in which McGovern is trying to convince voters he will do better than President Nixon. McGovern has a reputation for being a decent man, and he says he wants to "lift the light of decency and compassion," two qualities he implies Nixon does not possess. But the instincts that led him to treat a former President so shabbily were not decent. They were shortsighted and narrow-minded. McGovern finally got around to telephoning Johnson the other day, and he told reporters Johnson had invited him to the LBJ ranch. But many traditional Democrats feel a courtesy call in person on Johnson has been overdue since the convention. And Johnson's associates have noticed that of all the congratulatory telegrams that were released after the nomination, Johnson's was somehow missing. Johnson is retired and politically inactive. Individually, there is probably little he could or would do to affect the election outcome. But McGovern's failure to acknowledge Johnson's rightful position as a past party leader is a signal to many regular Democratic officials that all his talk about unity is misleading. Snubbing Johnson is a dandy way to demonstrate continued factional ill-will.



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Half-Million Being Spent To Improve BH Streets

BY RALPH LUTZ
Staff Writer
Benton Harbor residents are
experiencing street rebuilding
and resurfacing projects, the

likes of which they haven't seen
in many years. Nearly two miles of
blacktopping work is under-
derway, or already completed,

inside the city limits. Nearly a half mile of
Waukonda avenue, partly in
the city and partly in Benton
township, is being totally

rebuilt. Concrete paving along
one half is completed. The total cost of these
projects is more than a half-
million dollars, and there's

more to come. Work in the near future in-
cludes the extension of
Eleventh street, about two
blocks; resurfacing of a stretch
of Main street; and the M-139
highway relocation project. The first two of these are
totally inside the city, while the
highway relocation involves
both city and township.

In the more distant future are
plans for new bridges to carry
Benton Harbor and St. Joseph
traffic over the St. Joseph river
and Morrison channel.

Extension of Eleventh street
surfaced last May, when All-
Phase Electric Co. announced
it would build a new \$400,000
headquarters at Riverview and
Empire. Part of the project
called for the extension of
Eleventh from Gray avenue,
about two blocks southward to
Empire.

The new stretch will adjoin
the new All-Phase site. The
firm stated it would pay its
share of the street work on a
frontage basis, up to a
maximum of \$10,000 an acre for
land purchase and street
assessment. The street project
will begin as soon as
engineering work is done and
bids are received and contracts
let.

Resurfacing work being done
now is on eight streets in the
city and totals nearly two
miles. Cost of this is \$47,890,
provided in the current budget.
Because no reconstruction
work is involved, there is no
special assessment cost to
property owners.

Benton Harbor City Manager
Don Stewart reviewed progress
in a report to the city com-
mission this week.

He said the asphalt paving
contractor began preliminary
work of adjusting manhole
covers and water valve boxes
and, by the end of July, had
paved Nowlen street, from
Highland to Territorial, and
Benton street, from Highland
to Main. More stretches have
been paved since. Other streets
involved are:

Lake, from Broadway to
Colfax; Highland, for 100 feet
west of Fair; Ogden, between
Empire and Catalpa; Cedar,
between Britain and Vineyard;
Union, between Empire and
Cross; and Broadway, between
May and Emery.

Stewart reported on the
Waukonda project, totaling
about a half-mile and costing
\$465,638. This cost is received
from diverted federal funds, to
the local Model Cities program.

On Waukonda, paving has
been constructed from
Woodland in the township, to
Paw Paw in the city, on the
south half. It also is completed
from Woodland, west, beyond
Buena Vista on the north half.
Intersections are in at North
Winans, John, North McCord,
north of Waukonda, at
Woodland and Waukonda and
Douglas and Woodland.

Sidewalk has been con-
structed on the east side of
Woodland, from south of
Waukonda to north of
Territorial. Grading work is
underway for the sidewalk on
Waukonda. This project was
scheduled for completion next
October, but probably will be
later, because of earlier delays.

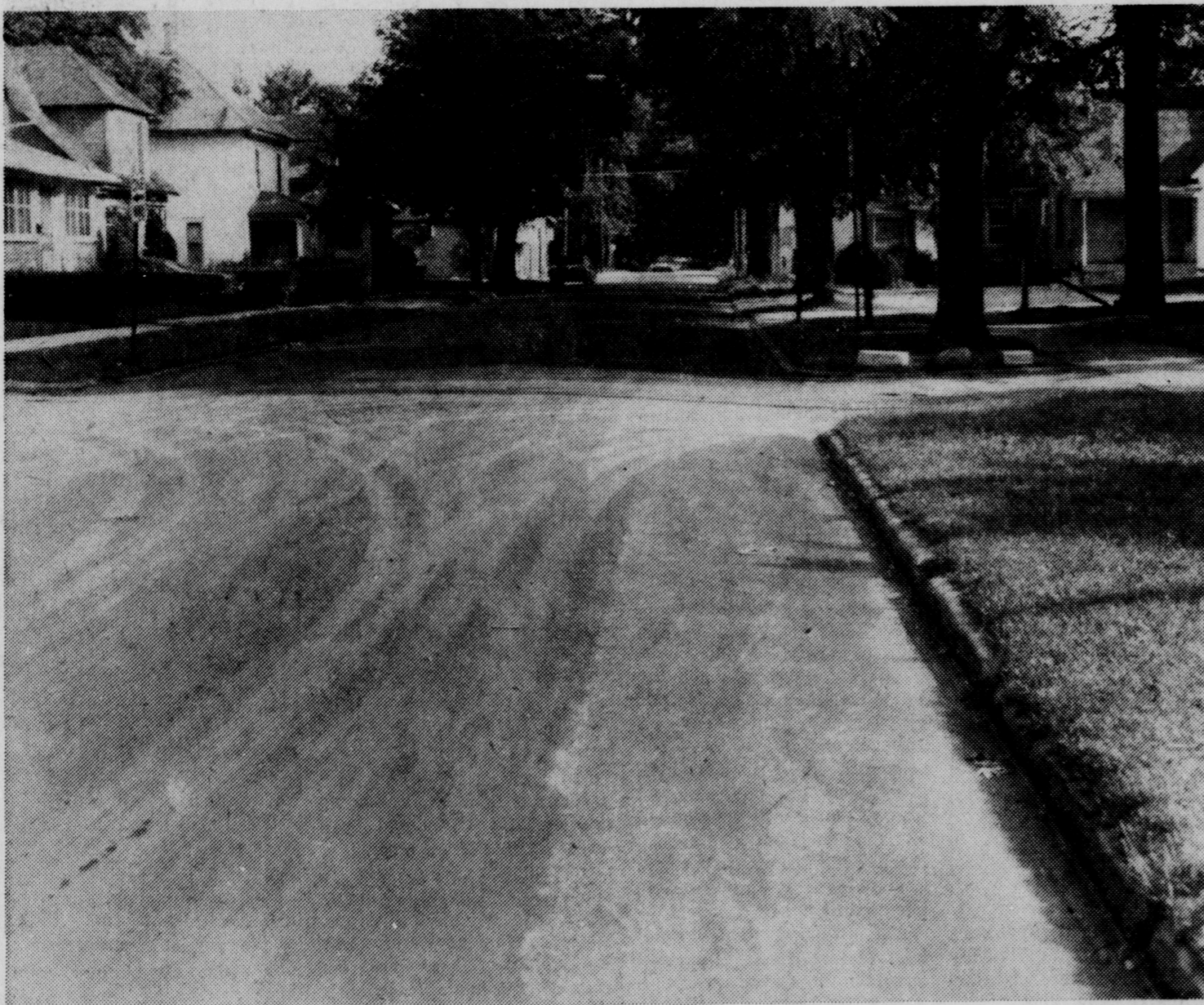
The Michigan State Highway
department already has
acquired right-of-way for the
M-139 relocation. Fair avenue
will remain part of the com-
plex, reverting to a one-way
street, for south-bound traffic.
The new M-139, to the east, will
carry north-bound traffic from
near Britain avenue, north-
ward to East Main.

The state is entering in
right-of-way negotiations in the
bridge projects. The bridges
earlier were expected to cost
\$4.4 million. Both will be four
lanes and will replace the 60-
year-old highway and Morrison
channel structures.

The state, in its Main street
resurfacing, will be testing a
new material, termed more
skid-proof. This will be from
just east of Colfax, west to just
west of Tenth street. Cost to the
city is \$1,560.



ROLLER IN ACTION: Asphalt roller at work on Cedar street is familiar sight in Benton Harbor these days, as eight streets are being resurfaced over total stretch of



WORK COMPLETED: Improved thoroughfare is reflected along Benton street, where resurfacing work is completed. Street is shown from just north of Highland, looking north toward Main street. Also

nearly two miles at cost of \$47,890. Consumers Asphalt Paving Co. is resurfacing the city streets. (Staff photo)

completed is Nowlen, from Highland to Territorial, and a stretch of Highland, west of Fair avenue. (Staff photo).

SJ City Clerk Certifies Sparks' Rezone Petition

St. Joseph City Clerk Charles Rhodes Tuesday certified the
initiatory petition presented the St. Joseph City Commission
Monday night by former St. Joseph Mayor Tom Sparks.

Rhodes said that 60 of the 67 signatures were valid and that
the other seven may or may not be valid.

Rhodes added that 27 correct signatures, or 15 per cent of
178, the latter number being the highest total of votes cast for
any one commissioner in the April election, were all that were
needed for certification.

The petition asks the commission to rezone four lots in the
Shoreham addition at 3001 Lakeshore drive from C-1 multiple
dwelling to light industrial.

The commission Monday night, over continued protests

during the past four weeks by Sparks, voted to change the
zoning from light industrial to C-1 multiple dwelling so that
Ben Teitel of South Haven can construct 116 additional units to
the 138 that now makeup the Lakecrest apartment complex.

According to City Attorney A. G. Preston Jr., the city
commission has 20 days from Tuesday to either order the
referendum set for Nov. 7 or rescind its rezoning action taken
Monday night.

Involved in certification was verification of legal correct-
ness and signatures.

Sparks, throughout his campaign to block the construction of
additional apartment units, claims that industrial usage would
provide better tax base and less congestion for the area.



YOUNG NIXON BACKERS: Although still too young to vote, Bradley Skolnik (left) and Jeff McAlvey, both 16, will be working next week at the Republican national convention at Miami Beach. Both are Benton Harbor high school juniors. They will be among 3,000 members of Young Voters for the President, assigned tasks at the convention. (Staff photo)

Two BHHS Juniors Slated For Role In GOP Convention

BY RALPH LUTZ
Staff Writer

Two Benton Harbor high school juniors will board a charter plane, bound Friday for Miami Beach, Fla., and the Republican national convention.

They are Jeff McAlvey and Bradley Skolnik, both 16, who are co-chairmen of Berrien county Young Voters for the President.

Although neither is old enough to vote yet, Jeff and Bradley will get some good experience, working at assigned tasks throughout the GOP convention. They will be among 3,000 youths, all attending at their own expense.

Jeff and Bradley, both of Fairplain, are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. McAlvey, 273 Robbins avenue; and Mrs.

and Mrs. Louis Skolnik, 277 Cherokee Trail.

The youths said they will fly to the convention from Chicago on Friday. They will be joined on the plane by other youths active in the GOP.

Jeff and Bradley said they don't know what their convention jobs will be, yet. They said areas of work include transporting delegates,

assisting delegates wherever needed, and aiding news media representatives. During the convention, Jeff and Bradley will stay at the Richmond hotel.

After the convention, the youths said they'll continue working to help get President Nixon re-elected. Their lapel buttons read, Nixon Now, and show that the GOP is making a pitch for youth along with McGovern.

CanAmer Auction In SJ

An auction to help raise money for the CanAmer Olympic Games will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the parking lot of the Holiday Inn in St. Joseph.

Among items to be sold will

be a window air conditioner, a trash masher, ski rack and three and four passenger airplane rides. All items were donated by local merchants. John Glassman will be auctioneer.

BH Schoolmen Explain Need For Millage But Few Are Listening

Failure to pass 3.5 mills in operating taxes means further budget cuts of \$600,000, the Benton Harbor board of education warned last night.

The board said \$282,000 already has been trimmed and further reductions mean people and higher pupil-teacher ratios in the classroom.

The district's finances were outlined at a public meeting at Fairplain junior high. But the board's presentation fell on few ears. Only 14 citizens attended while all seven members of the board were on hand.

Two more meetings on millage will be held tonight at 7:30 in Seely McCord and Pearl schools. Two more

are scheduled tomorrow night at Lafayette and Hull schools.

District voters will ballot next Monday on 3.5 mills in operating taxes. The millage was defeated June 12 when it was on the same ballot with a \$25 million bond issue that got clobbered.

Frank Culby, board vice president, said the estimated preliminary budget was \$11,396,000. This has been reduced by \$282,000, mostly in maintenance.

Trustee Bernard Beland explained that since salaries are 80 to 85 per cent of school expenses, a cut of \$600,000 means fewer teachers.

Culby noted inflation is

responsible for over \$400,000 in school expenses figured at an annual rate of 4 per cent. The board is responsible for salaries and fringe benefits already negotiated and state law prevents a school board from knowingly adopting a deficit budget.

A member of the audience asked the board if it couldn't have held high school Principal David Hartenbach to his two-year contract.

Board members replied the board is bound by a contract, but it's difficult to retain an individual who wants to go elsewhere. The board Monday granted Hartenbach a contract release so he can become principal at Aurora, Colo.

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Huge Crowd Attends Berrien Fair Opening

Crossbreed Steers Chosen As Top Beef Animals

BY ALAN AREND

Staff Writer
BERRIEN SPRINGS — Opening day at the Berrien County Youth Fair proved once again the ever increasing popularity of county fairs.

A total of 23,015 persons passed through the gates to the fairgrounds here, Tuesday, the second largest single-day crowd in the 27-year history of

the Fair. The largest crowd was 23,533 on opening day last year.

Fair officials believed Tuesday's crowd would have broken the all-time record if not for threatening skies throughout the day and termed the attendance figure "most gratifying."

Although the sun only broke through the clouds off and on

during the day, it never did rain and a refreshing breeze with temperatures in the mid-70's made for a most pleasant day at the Fair.

Two crossbreed steers were chosen the top beef animals of the fair yesterday, in line with a growing popularity of crossbreeds in the national beef production industry. Crossbreeds are considered

more vigorous gainers.

A 1,100 pound Charolais-Hereford crossbreed exhibited by 11-year-old Bill Foster of Niles was named the Fair's grand champion market steer late Tuesday. An Angus-Hereford cross exhibited by Susan Sebasty of Buchanan was the reserve champion market steer.

The two prize winning animals are slated to be the first on the block at the annual livestock auction at 1 p.m. Friday.

The coveted Jack Dean Memorial trophy presented annually to the top horse exhibitor in fitting and showmanship was won by Lynn Bassler, 15, of Niles. Terry Zinkil, 17, of Stevensville, placed second in the competition.

Grand and reserve champions in food exhibits were also named Tuesday. Connie Norris of Route 1, Berrien Center, captured the top honor with her "German Black Forest Cherry Cake" and Laura Streffling of Route 2, Berrien Springs, was the reserve champion in foods.

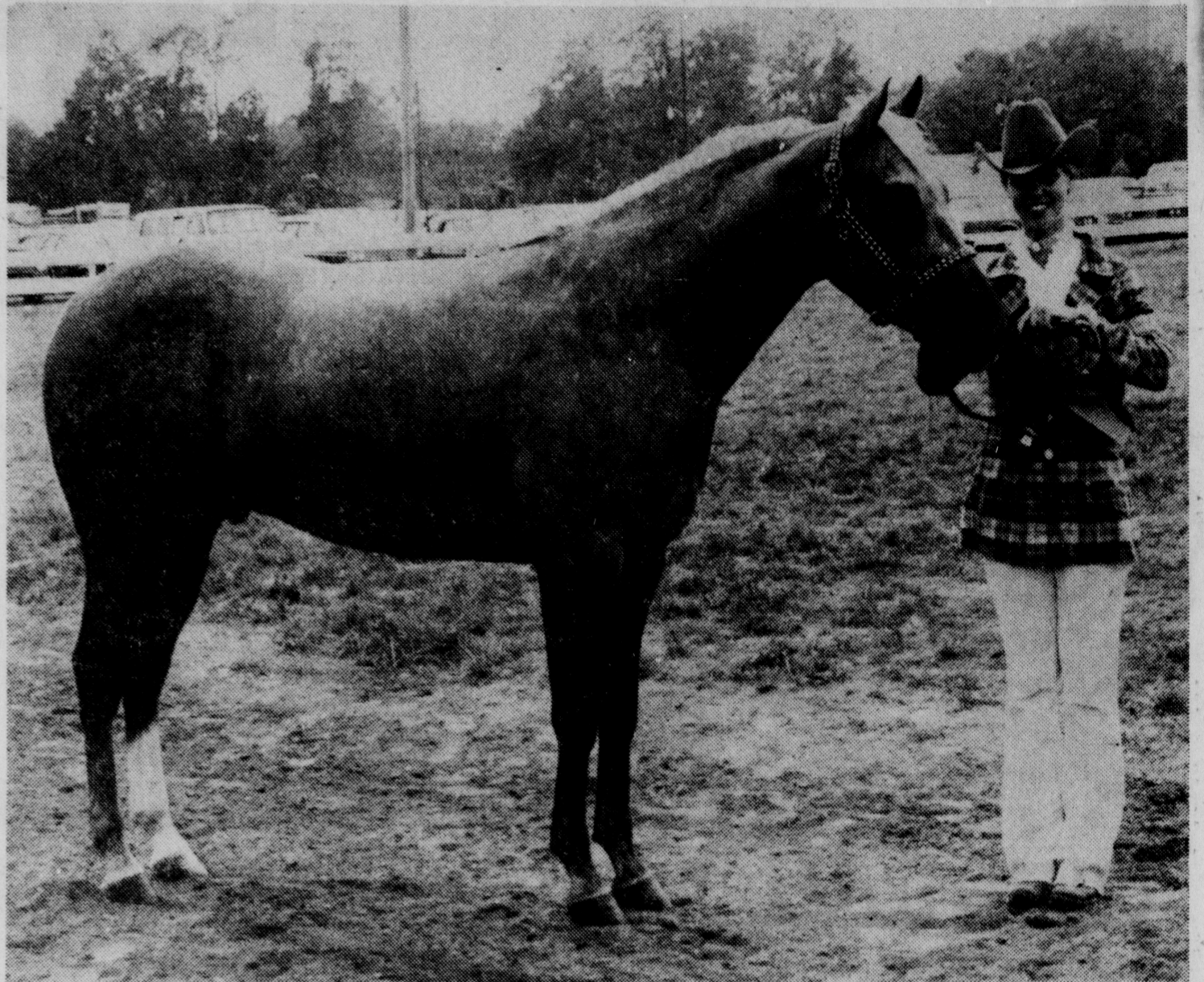
Individual breed champions in beef cattle competition were: Shorthorn — Bill Foster of Niles, champion; Bruce Foster of Niles, reserve; Charolais — Ron Ward of Niles, champion; Ted Shunkwiler of Berrien Springs, reserve; Hereford — Tom Walton of Three Oaks, champion; Erich Norris of Berrien Center, reserve; Angus — Tom Walton, champion; Linda Sebasty of Buchanan, reserve. Cross-bred — Bill Foster, champion; Susan Sebasty, reserve.

In beef breeding stock competition, winners were: Judy Jannert of Eau Claire, beef heifer calf; Joan Durn of Niles, beef yearling heifer; Tom Walton of Three Oaks, beef cow; Judy Jannert, beef cow and calf; and Tom Walton for grand and reserve beef female.

In beef showmanship competition first place winners were: Tom Walton, senior division; Susan Sebasty, intermediate division, and Roy Patursalski of Niles, junior division.

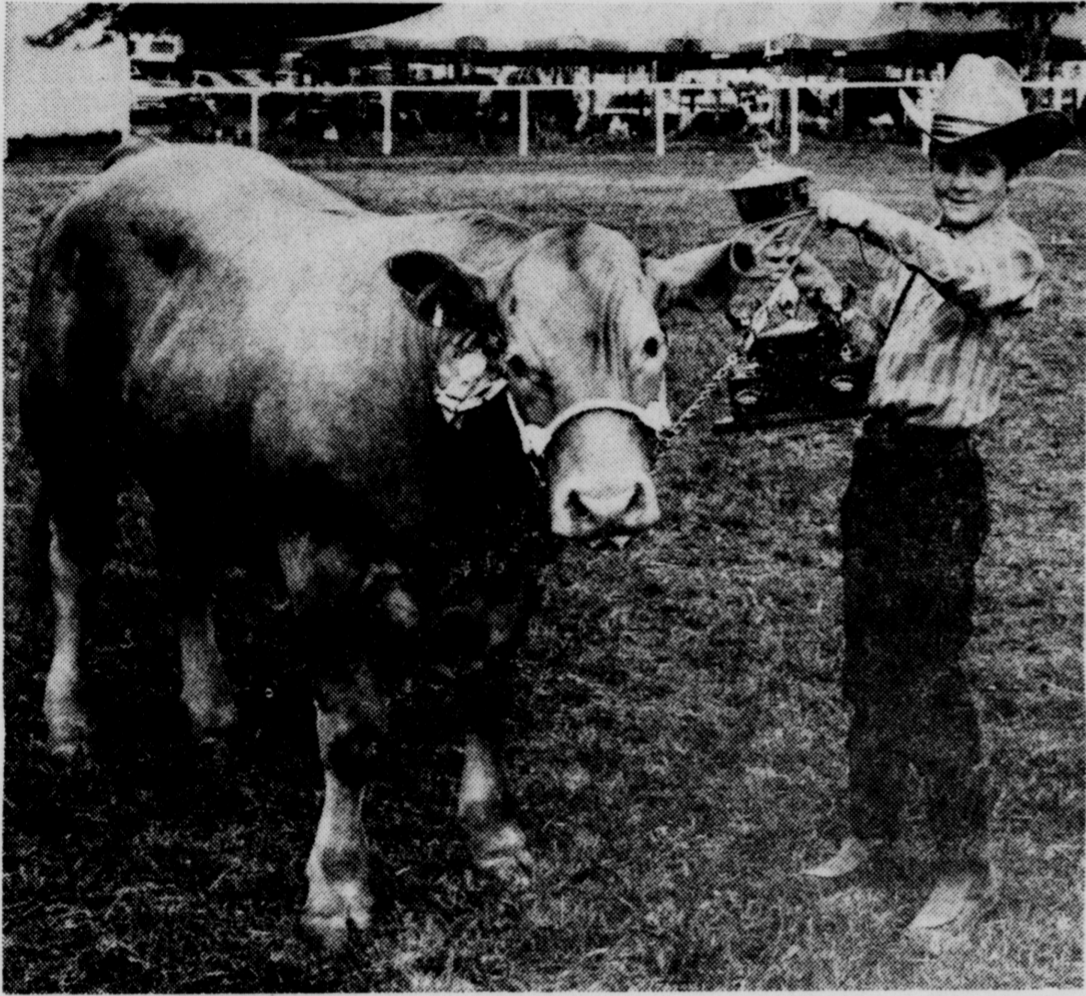
Individual winners in horse fitting and showmanship competition Tuesday were: Brenda Borst, Niles, five to seven-year-olds; Chris Rothfuchs, Buchanan, eight-year-olds; Benny Borkowski, Eau Claire, nine-year-olds; Jeff Holt, Watervliet, 10-year-olds; Julie Hein, Niles, 11-year-olds; Jeff Spitzer, Berrien Springs, 12-year-olds; Gwen Hein, Niles, 13-year-olds; Terry Brown, Buchanan, 14-year-olds; Lynn Bassler, Niles, 15-year-olds; Jeff Bujack, Watervliet, 16-year-olds; Terry Zinkil, St. Joseph, 17-year-olds and over.

Grand and reserve champions in English type horses shown under bridle or halter were: Sarah Petlick of Benton Harbor and Sharq Doolittle of

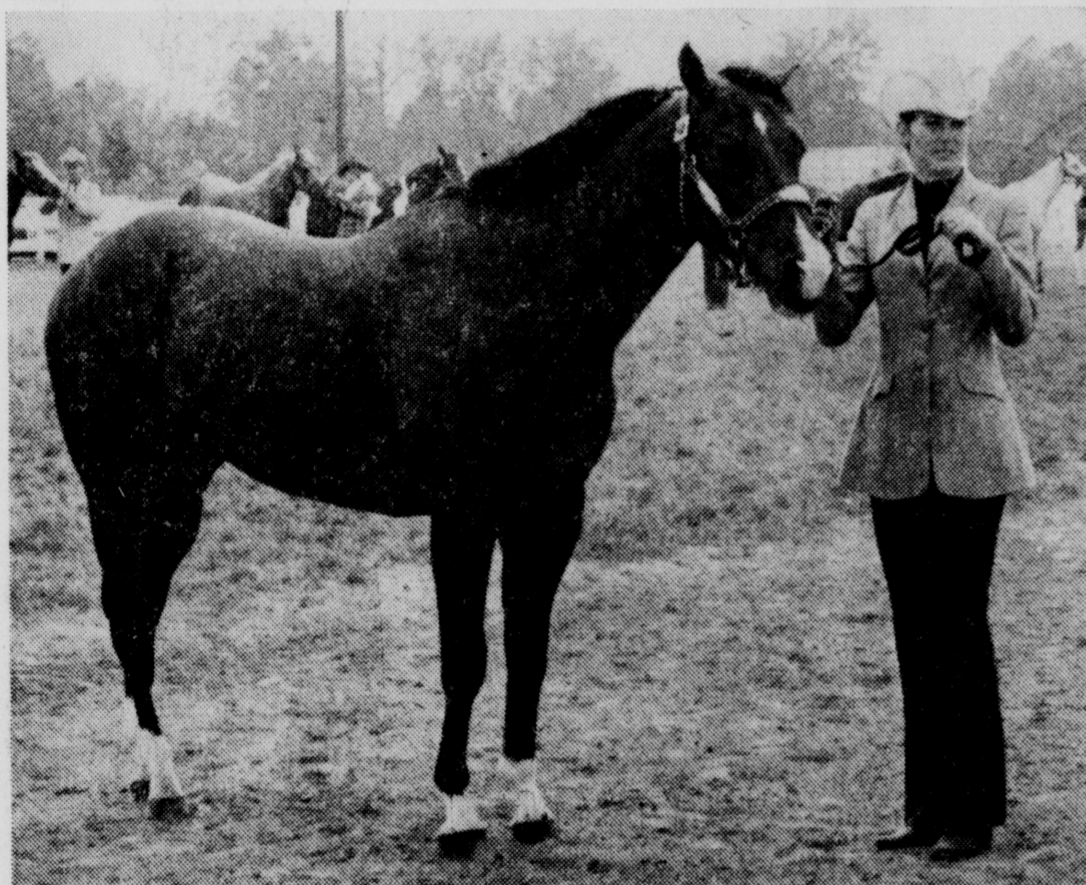


TOPS IN SHOWMANSHIP: Lynn Bassler, who will soon be 16, and her horse "El Tee Dee" captured the grand championship in horse fitting and showmanship competition Tuesday at the Berrien County Youth Fair. Her name will be inscribed along with past winners on

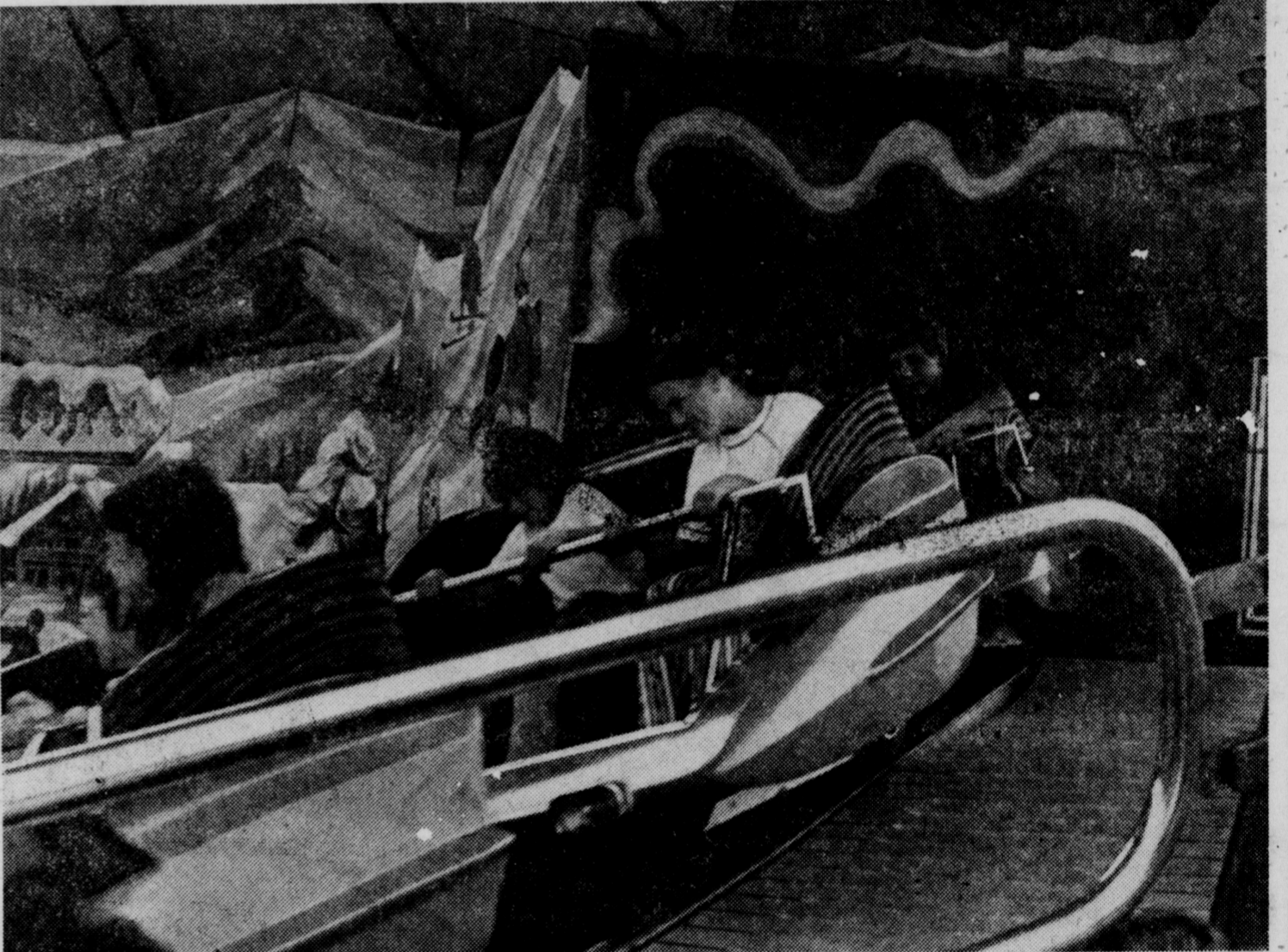
the coveted Jack Dean Memorial trophy. Lynn, who hopes to become a veterinarian is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Bassler of 2685 Chicago road, Niles. She'll be a junior at Niles high school. (Staff photo)



1,100 POUNDS OF BEEF: Bill Foster of Niles, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Foster, displays winning smile after 1,100 pound Charolais-Hereford crossbreed steer he exhibited was named grand champion market steer of 1972 Berrien County Youth Fair. Bill also exhibited the champion Shorthorn in his third year of beef competition at the fair. (Staff photo)



RESERVE CHAMPION: Terry Zinkil, 17, Stevensville, stands alert with her horse during judging for coveted Jack Dean Memorial trophy for Youth Fair's top rider and horse in fitting and showmanship. Terry and her horse earned reserve champion honors. Earlier she won first place in her age division. (Staff photo)



HOLD ON!: Youngsters attending the 1972 Berrien County Youth Fair hold on tight during one of the many fun-filled rides. The midway this year is full of many

attractions including numerous rides which will test the courage of many youngsters and oldsters alike. (Staff photo)

Niles, respectively.

Best of Fair awards in food exhibits were won by the following girls: Kris Haase, Benton Harbor, foreign foods; Judith Knuth, Coloma, creative cookery; Susan Sebasty, Buchanan, coffee cake; Connie Norris, Berrien Center, cake; Cheryl Dietel, Berrien Springs, bread; Dawn Pantaleo, Berrien Springs, yeast rolls; Christine Keigley, Berrien Springs, pie; Tammy Jinkins, Watervliet, cookies; Karen Kolm, Berrien Springs, canning; and Carol Kolm, Berrien Springs, jams and jelly.

Judging of home economics, safety, handicraft, photos, flowers, first aid and scout displays continued today along with horses. Sheep, swine, rabbits and poultry also were to be judged today.

Tuesday, Rex Rossi's All-American Rough Riders put on two shows, both before overflow crowds at the main grandstand. Entertainment acts at the main grandstand the rest of Fair week are as follows with two shows nightly at 7 and 9:

Wednesday — Sonny James and his Country Gentlemen.

Thursday — Sandi and Salli of the Lawrence Welk show.

Friday — The Sound Generation from John Brown university.

Saturday — James Darren.

WSAM Finds It Has Counterparts In Other Areas

The Women for Survival of Agriculture in Michigan is not the only organization of its kind, or even the first.

WSAM members have learned recently that even before they formed their free-wheeling action group a year ago, a very similar organization has been in existence about three years in Oregon.

The southwestern Michigan group would like to compare notes with the Oregon women and learn from their experiences. They might even try to set up an informal national alliance. But they don't want to set up a formal national organization, according to Mrs. Millie Wendzel of Watervliet, publicity chairman. That would take too much time and energy from their informal, hit-and-run forays into the public spotlight on behalf of agriculture.

The farm wives here would like to send a delegation of about four members to Oregon to contact and talk with their Oregon counterparts.

But in a year of a zero peach crop, the some \$1,500 it would take isn't that readily available from their personal resources.

So they are seeking contributions. Mrs. John Scherer, Jr., Route 5, Dowagiac, is in charge, but any WSAM member will take contributions.

Two Berrien Students Get Degrees

SERCY, Ark. — Robert C. Skaggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Skaggs, 640 North Euclid avenue, Benton township, and Kerry Lee Haus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haus, 562 Riverside drive, Watervliet, were among 104 who received degrees from Harding college at summer commencement. Skaggs and Haus received bachelor of arts degrees in accounting.

16 Prisoners Ask Court Order

Berrien Inmates Sue For Civil Rights

Sixteen inmates of the Berrien county jail have filed a petition in Berrien circuit court asking for a court order granting them "civil rights while under imprisonment."

The petitioners are asking for a writ of mandamus against Berrien Sheriff Forrest "Nick" Jewell to obtain seven civil rights they claim have been denied them.

The civil rights sought are: visits from relatives and friends from 12 to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday; cooked meals and meat in place of cold sandwiches; writing paper, envelopes, and stamps; commissary supplies

without "personal harassment from the officer in charge there."

Also, the inmates asked for permission to obtain magazines, newspapers and books at their own expense and release at least once daily from their cells for exercise; notice when they are to be taken to court or have attorney visits in order to prepare themselves; and permission to make one telephone call a week.

The inmates wrote and filed the petition themselves without legal assistance. The petition was mailed to

Circuit Judge Chester J. Byrns who routed it to the file clerk's office in the Berrien county courthouse.

The 16 inmates include 7 blacks, 8 whites and one Indian American. They are all in jail awaiting trial on felony charges ranging from breaking and entering and armed robbery to murder.

The case has been assigned to Judge Julian Hughes who will have the decision of whether to grant the prisoners a hearing.

Guessing Game Surrounds Trips By Negotiators

Kissinger In Saigon While Tho Leaves Paris For Hanoi

SAIGON (AP) — U.S. presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger arrived in Saigon tonight and Le Duc Tho, his North Vietnamese adversary in secret peace talks, flew to Hanoi amid widespread speculation about a new move to end the war.

There was no official con-

fimation of the new peace move, and Tho contended there was no basis for it. But some diplomats in Washington and Paris surmised that Kissinger, who met with Tho in Paris Monday, would try to persuade President Nguyen Van Thieu to agree to a compromise formula approaching the enemy's de-

mand that Thieu step down.

Others suggested that Kissinger and Tho would report a deadlock in their secret Paris sessions, with Kissinger reassuring the uneasy Thieu that President Nixon will not let him down.

There also had been speculation in Saigon that Kissinger might fly on to Hanoi after ending his visit here Friday. But informed sources said Kissinger would fly from here to Tokyo Friday en route back to Washington.

He will stop in Tokyo to make final plans for the forthcoming summit conference between Nixon and Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka scheduled for Honolulu at the end of this month, sources said. Plans call for him to leave Tokyo on Saturday.

Tho, leaving Paris today, told newsmen he wanted to emphasize that his trip was "a routine one and has no other meaning, ... is in the framework of my usual comings and goings." Tho, a member of North Vietnam's Politburo, said the speculation about his trip "in general... does not correspond to reality" and "could lead to incorrect conclusions."

A Hanoi spokesman in Paris said Tho, a Politburo member, was going home on a "routine trip" for the anniversary of Vietnam's August 1945 revolution and North Vietnam's national day on Sept. 2.

Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said Kissinger's two days in Saigon will include "a general review of all aspects of the Vietnam problem, including the negotiations in Paris."

He cautioned against speculating about a breakthrough in the Paris talks. He said the trip had been under consideration for several weeks.

Meanwhile, sources in Saigon disclosed today that Nixon has ordered another round of U.S. troop withdrawals beginning after Sept. 1, when the level is expected to be down to 39,000 men. This does not include another 100,000 Americans fighting the war from air bases in Guam and Thailand and from ships off the Vietnamese coast.

When Ziegler announced June 28 that Nixon had ordered 10,000 men withdrawn in July and August, he said another announcement on possible further pullouts would come a few days before Sept. 1.

There seems little doubt that Nixon would like to have a Vietnam peace deal before the November election, but the White House is keeping the specific aim of Kissinger's journey a tight secret.

Public statements by Thieu since the new round of Kissinger-Tho sessions began a month ago have been interpreted here as showing concern by the Saigon leader

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CARRYING THEIR TEAMMATE: The remaining members of a slow-pitch softball team from Deerfield, Mich. carry the casket of Tom Forche, 22, who, along with three other teammates, died in an auto accident outside of Deerfield Saturday night. Forche's casket is being

carried from the school gymnasium where a one-hour non-denominational service was held Tuesday for the four men. (AP Wirephoto)

Suit Charges Investor 'Delivered To Swindlers'

DETROIT, (AP) — A man who went to a suburban Detroit bank seeking financing to buy a motel was delivered "into the hands and clutches of a ring of sophisticated swindlers," a federal court suit charges.

An independent check by the Associated Press shows the suit's charge that Detroit investor James M. Conway ended up dealing with "fly-by-night, ephemeral entities with pompous titles but no assets" is substantially true.

Conway is seeking more than \$2.5 million in damages from the Oakland National Bank and Management Futures Inc., both of suburban Southfield, and from Financial Development Inc. of Warren, Mich. A former officer of the Oakland Bank and several officers of Management Futures and Financial Development also are named as defendants.

The suit, filed last week in U.S. District Court in Kalamazoo charges that Conway's troubles began last July when

he visited a branch of Oakland National Bank, where he was a depositor, seeking money to buy the Cascade Motor Inn in Grand Rapids.

An officer of the bank referred him to William Sickles, a lending officer at the bank's main office. The suit says Sickles referred Conway to P. David Vincent, president of Management Futures.

On July 15, 1971, Vincent sent Conway a letter from Joseph Marrosso of Financial Development telling him that Pacific Guardian Corp. of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., had obtained a \$600,000 loan commitment from "a lending institution with certified net assets in excess of \$100 million."

Conway was told he would have to pay a finder's fee (money paid by a borrower to third parties who arrange financing) of 6 per cent of the loan's value, or \$36,000.

On the instructions of the "finders," the suit says, Conway, on July 15, sent a \$6,300

certified check to United Title Escrow Agents of Fort Lauderdale. This was followed on July 30 by a \$12,000 cashiers check.

Both checks were endorsed by United Title Escrow to Gibraltar Title & Escrow Co. Photostats of the checks show no endorsement by Gibraltar, but both checks were accepted by the First National Bank of Pompano Beach, Fla., and later by the First National Bank of Miami.

The suit charges the two Florida banks negligently accepted checks with incomplete and fraudulent endorsements.

An additional \$15,000 in fees was paid directly to Vincent.

On July 29, the Normandie Trust Co. of Panama City, Panama, issued Conway a \$600,000 "irrevocable letter of credit," which eventually proved to be worthless, leading to collapse of the motel deal.

Conway is suing all the defendants for recovery of more than \$30,000 in finder's fees. The Oakland Bank, Management

Futures, Financial Development and the individual defendants are being sued for \$2.5 million in losses resulting from the collapse of the motel deal plus punitive damages.

Pacific Guardian, United Title Escrow, Gibraltar Title & Escrow and Normandie Trust

are named as co-conspirators but not defendants.

No hearing has yet been set in the case.

An Associated Press investigation found that the further the chain of companies was

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It's Not All Quiet On GOP Front

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A few voices of dissent today jarred generally placid hearings of the Republican Platform Committee as GOP liberals called for an unqualified pullout from Vietnam, busing to aid desegregation and the legalized use of marijuana.

The proposals were offered by Sen. Jacob K. Javits of New York and supported by a handful of other witnesses. The 108-member committee seemed certain to spurn them in drafting a platform to the liking of President Nixon for next week's GOP convention.

The voices of 75 prominent Republican women, including U.N. delegate Shirley Temple Black, also were heard. They issued a statement late Tuesday demanding "more positions for women at every level of our party" and a strong women's rights plank.

Javits told platform drafters he would not offer a formal Southeast Asia plank, "knowing well the position of the President on Vietnam," but he declared:

"I believe the time has come to terminate completely our active commitment to this war and to end all U.S. participation in it. It is time that the South Vietnamese carried on the war themselves and that we

withdraw without qualifications."

Javits urged the platform writers to "support the efforts of the courts to eliminate de jure (legally prescribed) segregation of the schools, including where necessary and reasonable, the remedy of busing."

His position closely approximates a Democratic platform plank which says busing must continue to be available "to eliminate legally imposed segregation and improve the

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Michigan Buys Japanese Plane

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The State of Michigan is purchasing a \$487,000 Japanese Mitsubishi airplane for use by the governor, state officials and legislators.

Given public "Buy American" sentiments, however, state officials are somewhat defensive about the acquisition.

"Unfortunately," gubernatorial aide Glenn Allen said, "it carries a Japanese name. But 75 per cent of the parts are made in America."

Governor Milliken adds that trade is a two-way street, and that Michigan hopes for expanded sales in Japan.

State Aeronautics Commission experts said while the Mitsubishi costs slightly more, it surpasses domestic competitors in operating costs, landing distance, speed, ceiling and takeoff distance.

It carries six passengers, plus a crew of two.

Embalmed Babies Mystery Solved

DETROIT (AP) — Three babies found wrapped in newspaper in a Detroit garage Monday died of natural causes shortly after birth and had been embalmed for burial, Wayne County Medical Examiner Dr. Werner Spitz said Tuesday.

The three, in small pine coffins, were found by Mrs. Bernice Hoagland, widow of former funeral director George R. Hoagland, Jr., as she was cleaning her garage.

Hospital wrist tags with the bodies allowed establishment

of identity, Spitz added.

Two of the babies died in 1960, one in 1963, Spitz said.

"What happened is that the children were born in hospitals and died shortly after," Spitz explained. "They were delivered to the funeral director, who embalmed them, got them ready for burial, but never interred them."

Mrs. Hoagland said her husband had been ill for some time when he retired from his one-man funeral company in May, 1963.

Lake Temperature

The temperature of Lake Michigan at shoreline today was 65 degrees.

Golf at Paw Paw Lk. G. C. Adv.

B.P.O.E. 544 Steak & Corn Roast. Aug. 20th, starts 4 p.m. Adv.

PHONEGRAMS are fun to play and may win you valuable prizes. Today's game appears on page 28. Adv.



OFF FOR SAIGON: Presidential adviser Henry Kissinger, shown in Laax, Switzerland, where he came to celebrate his parents' golden anniversary Tuesday, left today for South Vietnam to review the situation there for President Nixon. Sitting with his daughter Elizabeth, 13, Kissinger is riding a cable car to the top of one of the Swiss Alps. (AP Wirephoto)

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Editorial Page

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Another Fragile Mediterranean Alliance

On paper last week's announced intention of the Egyptian and Libyan governments to form a merger of unspecified dimensions sounds good.

The two countries have a common border, a common religion and an abiding distaste for Israel.

Egypt has a population of 34 million, a sizeable standing army and a comparatively high technological background.

Libya's 2 million inhabitants are scattered over a vast, barren territory which has enormous oil reserves.

Putting Egyptian knowhow and Libyan money together gives the impression of a Wall Street Journal report on two business firms in a parallel position deciding to face the world together.

With all this going for the consolidation, the question is why Anwar Sadat, Egypt's cautious president, declared that the alliance would not take effect until October, 1973 and that its final form is still in the discussion stage.

One answer may be because he is circumspect.

Pan Islamism is a religious tradition which has not functioned as a political reality except as somebody was able to enforce it by military clout.

Turkey's Ottoman Empire was the last to exercise that dominion and it fell apart in World War I. In truth the Empire was a decaying house decades before that conflict broke out and all that General Allenby did was to push the rotted timbers to the ground in his Asia Minor military expeditions.

He scored a highly efficient success because the Empire's constituent members were looking for an outside force to enable them to go their separate ways.

The latest attempt to revive such a

union is well implanted in Sadat's mind because he was a part of the inner circle when it was tried and when it collapsed.

In 1958, Sadat's predecessor, Gamal Nasser, and the Syrian government formed the United Arab Republic. Nasser could not control the Ba'athist clique which ran the Syrian apparatus. They broke up the UAR before Nasser died last year. The union continues in name only under a loosely knit arrangement called the Federation of Arab Republics.

Col. Muammar Kadafi, the Libyan chief of state, is every bit as unpredictable as the Ba'athists. He is a hip shooter, a man who prefers to leap before he looks.

He is the strongest minded anti-Israel leader in the entire Arab world.

This makes him a loner among his counterparts in many of the Arab states who if they do not like Israel doubt the value of military force being the only means to settle their differences with the Jewish state.

Sadat is indicating the same frame of mind. He is looking for some means to reach agreement with Israel which will not give the impression at home or abroad of Egypt coming out second best in whatever negotiations can be made.

This would not be the easiest accomplishment with a mercurial partner like Kadafi in the picture; and if an accommodation is reached with Israel, the Libyan militarist would likely repudiate whatever contract he had with Sadat.

Reciprocating economic and military commitments between the two countries makes sense.

An outright merger seems remote because there is room at the top for only one man at a time.

It is hard to imagine Sadat or Kadafi voting himself into a Vice Presidency.

Staggering Work Hours

In a New York City campaign that has relevance for any metropolitan center affected by commuter traffic congestion, the Midtown Task Force on Staggered Work Hours is urging more than 1,000 midtown Manhattan firms to change their working days by at least a half hour at both ends of the day.

The organization, made up of 26 civic and trade associations and public agencies, says that more than 750,000 midtown employees now work from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. By starting their work days earlier or later, the Task Force says, the city's severe transportation congestion would be eased.

A study showed that at a single subway station in the area, 7,757 riders entered at the 5 p.m. quitting time, but 3,334 fewer

riders went through the turnstiles 15 minutes earlier.

Nearly 100,000 lower Manhattan employees, many of whom occupy the World Trade Center, already work staggered hours and are responsible for a congestion reduction of 26 percent in the morning peak period and a similar drop at the other end of the day.

If the Task Force program is effective in midtown and ultimately elsewhere in Manhattan, the effect on traffic should be significant. Spacing out commuters and their automobiles, and easing massive daily backups at the Holland and Lincoln Tunnels, where buses and private cars jockey for strategic entry positions, are at least two possibilities. And if staggered hours work in New York, why not in other cities?

Asinine UN Action

When the communists wish to punish or disassociate themselves from an individual, all references to the luckless person are stricken from the life and literature of the country. He becomes an un-person, as if in the communist bloc at least he never existed. This happened to Stalin and Khrushchev.

Never in modern times, however, has there been an uncountrified Taiwan, seat of the Chinese Nationalist government, is on the way to achieving that distinction in the halls and records of the United Nations.

The UN has begun to expunge every mention of Taiwan from its publications and documents and to remove other reminders that the "Republic of China" exists, such as a plaque which identifies a gift to the world body. The plaque has

been removed.

The gift, a green marble slab carrying a gold engraved quotation from Confucius, was allowed to remain.

Some of this obliteration is being carried out at the insistence of Peking, which maintains that Taiwan is an "inalienable part" of mainland China, and some upon the anticipation of that insistence.

Communist China may succeed in removing Nationalist China from written and visible UN annals, but it will be hard put to erase Taiwan's accomplishments in commerce, education, trade, construction, nutrition and per capita income, all of which, on a comparative basis, exceed Communist China's efforts by far.

This hard bitten denial of Taiwan's existence is a puerile exercise conceived in spite. It fools no one and hardly comes under the heading of diplomacy.

Earth's Secrets

In a few years, if experiments already projected are undertaken, man will know more about what goes on in the bowels of the earth than he does now. The earth's crust is believed to be a thin layer, no deeper relatively than the skin on an apple, floating on a hot interior of liquid metal and rock.

The crust bends slightly under the moon's and sun's gravitational pull. It has discontinuities or faults. The liquid underneath is not liquid as man understands it. It is transformed by vast pressures into a substance whose molecules are crowded together into a form of matter of whose laws relatively little is known.

Fence Mender?



GLANCING BACKWARDS

GRAY RETIRES

SEPT. 30

—1 Year Ago—

Elisha (Bud) Gray, II, who turned Whirlpool Corp. into a billion dollar producer, announced plans today to retire Sept. 30 as chairman of the board and chief executive officer, in keeping with the firm's mandatory retirement policy.

Concurrent with Gray's retirement announcement, the board of directors elected President John H. Platt, a

native of Benton Harbor, as the new chairman and chief executive officer. Platt, who is 53, will also continue as president. Gray will reach his 65th birthday on Sept. 7. He will remain a member of the board of directors and was elected chairman of the board's finance committee by the directors today.

AUCTION STEER

AT FAIR

—10 Years Ago—

The chant of the auctioneer this morning at the sale of the

meat animals shown at the Berrien County youth fair wound up the serious phase of the fair for the young exhibitors. All judging was completed yesterday.

The Grand champion steer owned by Kenneth Siefert, 17, of Three Oaks, sold shortly before noon today at the Fair's livestock auction for \$912. The prize 950-pound Black Angus was purchased by Mrs. Myron Hect, owner of the Twin Springs Camp, Berrien Springs. Her bid was 96 cents a pound.

YANKS RACE

INTO MESSINA

—29 Years Ago—

American troops were sprinting the last dozen or so miles toward Messina, the finish line in the five-week Sicilian campaign, and bowled over light and scatter rear-guards today amid strong indications that their quarry, the Germans, already had fled.

Racing past Milazzo and well beyond Barcellona the American Seventh Army of Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., brought Messina, the last escape port of the enemy, under the range of its "Long Tom" artillery. Milazzo is less than 14 miles west of Messina.

RECORD CROWD

—39 Years Ago—

The record crowd of the season was brought to St. Joseph on board the steamer Theodore Roosevelt. There were 1,800 passengers aboard, according to steamship line officials.

NEW ADDITION

—49 Years Ago—

Construction of a new concrete and fireproof \$200,000 addition to the Auto Specialties company's plant in St. Joseph was announced today, the work to be completed within 90 to 120 days.

FISHING GOOD

—59 Years Ago—

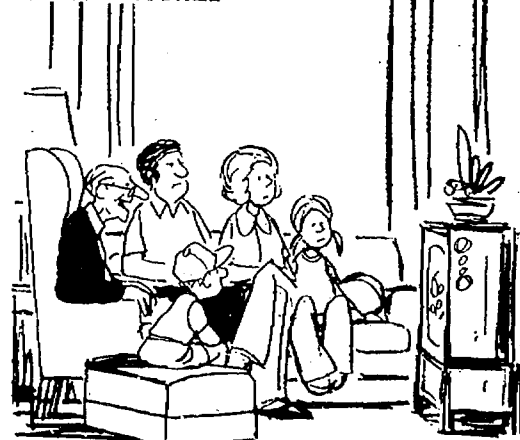
Bass are biting at their best and twin city anglers may be seen at points all along the river. James M. Ball, Burton G. Starke and Theodore Opsata spent yesterday at Twin Springs and returned with fine catches.

HOUSE GUESTS

—81 Years Ago—

Miss Anna Knoedler and Miss Molly McAfee of Augusta, Ky., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bean.

BERRY'S WORLD



"Now comes the part I like best in political campaigns — when they all tell you whatever you want to hear!"

Ray Cromley

Agriculture Gain In South America



WASHINGTON (NEA) — It is folly to castigate ourselves for "the failure" in our Latin American aid when real growth south of the border is now running at 6.6 per cent a year.

That is higher than the original optimistic Alliance for Progress target. It's almost double the 1971 average growth rates of the developed countries.

The case of Brazil is noteworthy. That country reached an average growth rate of 9.3 per cent from 1968 to 1970 and probably 11 to 11.5 per cent in 1971.

On the average, Latin American growth of late has been heavily in manufacturing, construction, electric power and transportation. By comparison, mining has been slow. Agricultural efficiency has lagged in many respects.

Because farm productivity has increased at such a slow rate on the average (despite some sensational exceptions) and because South and Central American population growth has been so rapid, agricultural output per capita has gone up but one-half of one per cent a year of late, despite the rapid expansion of agricultural land in some countries and some very real U.S. assistance in increasing agricultural efficiency in some Latin lands.

Under these circumstances, it is most difficult to understand why we have not done better overall in exporting our agricultural know-how, an area in which the United States has considerable expertise.

Rural poverty is great in wide areas of Latin America. The resultant despair is real.

Many farm youths with no future have drifted to the cities, creating disease-ridden slums and untold misery.

This pool of hopelessness makes political stability next to impossible. It discourages democracy and breeds dictators. It has moved even nonfeudalist governments in Latin America to expropriate private property, both domestic and foreign.

In talking about food productivity gains, rice is the major exception. In country after country to the south there have been increases of 20, 25, 50 and even 100 per cent in the past decade. Rice yields in Peru, for example, approach those of the United States.

Major yield increases are possible in other crops. This has been accomplished with wheat in Mexico and in Brazil, with corn in Argentina, Chile, El Salvador and Jamaica, and with sorghum in Guatemala, Uruguay and Paraguay.

These gains demonstrate that this type of know-how is exportable despite differences in culture, agricultural traditions, soil and weather. The answer, of course, has been to help develop strains suited to local conditions. This has been illustrated again and again with rice — in India, Pakistan, the Philippines, South Vietnam and in Latin America and elsewhere where the miracle strains have created agricultural revolutions.

Americans have done some remarkable work in Mexico and in several other Central and South American countries.

Marianne Means

Johnson Snubbed

By McGovern



WASHINGTON — Presidential nominee George McGovern and his new running mate, Sargent Shriver, faced the nation last week from a convention platform upon which serenely gazed mammoth portraits of the last four Democratic Presidents.

McGovern then officially launched his delayed campaign by consulting with party Congressmen, mayors and officials in an attempt to continue the image of Democratic stability and continuity which those portraits were meant to symbolize.

But the illusion of unity was a fragile thing. McGovern himself dealt it a serious blow during his talk to the convention — his third major speech as the party's nominee.

McGovern praised the courage and vision of three of the Democratic Presidents whose pictures hung above his head. But he conspicuously failed to mention the name of the fourth, Lyndon B. Johnson.

This deliberate snub to the party's only active living former President was not lost on the assembled Democratic National Committee. And it did not go down well.

It was one thing to gloss over Johnson's name at the Miami Beach convention which was

dominated by young McGovern supporters to whom Johnson is the symbol of the Vietnamese War they have so vigorously opposed. They might well have booed mention of Johnson or otherwise embarrassed him and the party.

But there was no excuse to ignore Johnson before the national committee, which is composed heavily of more conventional politicians. Nor was it smart politics to leave out Johnson's name before the national television audience, since his remarkable domestic legislative record is one of the best arguments the Democrats can present for being returned to power. Johnson was responsible for revolutionary breakthroughs in civil rights, education, and medical care — all areas in which McGovern is trying to convince voters he will do better than President Nixon.

McGovern has a reputation for being a decent man, and he says he wants to "lift the light of decency and compassion," two qualities he implies Nixon does not possess. But the instincts that led him to treat a former President so shabbily were not decent. They were shortsighted and narrow-minded.

McGovern finally got around to telephoning Johnson the other day, and he told reporters Johnson had invited him to the LBJ ranch. But many traditional Democrats feel a courtesy call in person on Johnson has been overdue since the convention. And Johnson's associates have noticed that of all the congratulatory telegrams that were released after the nomination, Johnson's was somehow missing.

Johnson is retired and politically inactive. Individually, there is probably little he could or would do to affect the election outcome.

But McGovern's failure to acknowledge Johnson's rightful position as a past party leader is a signal to many regular Democratic officials that all his talk about unity is misleading. Snubbing Johnson is a dandy way to demonstrate continued factional ill-will.

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EDITOR'S MAILBAG

MOTORIST IRKS

CONCERT GOER

Editor,
I would like to publicly thank the "Jack-Ass" who parked his full size station wagon next to my truck at the Sun. (Aug. 13) concert in St. Joe. You not only got your car into a spot that any compact car would have had trouble getting in, but you let your children get in the back seat in that tight spot and each one left his mark on the side of my vehicle. I figure with you loose on the road by the end of next concert season I will need a new bed on the back of my truck.

Donald J. Yager
Route 4, Box 211-D
Coloma.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. (AP) — Pickets were scheduled to appear this morning at the gates to the Kellogg plant, according to Norman Dudley, leader of a black employees group.

Dudley said he and about 30 others would picket the cerealmaker in support of four black employees suspended or fired recently.

Dudley said the workers were fired or suspended for "minor incidents."

Dudley said one man was fired for sleeping on the job, another was laid off because of mental health and two were suspended because of chronic absenteeism.

The company declined comment.

BOMB EXPLODES

BELFAST (AP) — Two Teenage boys and two girls planted a bomb in the center of Belfast today but there was enough warning to avert casualties.

Half-Million Being Spent To Improve BH Streets

BY RALPH LUTZ
Staff Writer

Benton Harbor residents are experiencing street rebuilding and resurfacing projects, the

likes of which they haven't seen in many years.

Nearly two miles of blacktopping work is underway, or already completed,

inside the city limits.

Nearly a half mile of Waukonda avenue, partly in the city and partly in Benton township, is being totally

rebuilt. Concrete paving along one half is completed.

The total cost of these projects is more than a half-million dollars, and there's

more to come.

Work in the near future includes the extension of Eleventh street, about two blocks; resurfacing of a stretch of Main street; and the M-139 highway relocation project. The first two of these are totally inside the city, while the highway relocation involves both city and township.

In the more distant future are plans for new bridges to carry Benton Harbor and St. Joseph traffic over the St. Joseph river and Morrison channel.

Extension of Eleventh street surfaced last May, when All-Phase Electric Co. announced it would build a new \$400,000 headquarters at Riverview and Empire. Part of the project called for the extension of Eleventh from Gray avenue, about two blocks southward to Empire.

The new stretch will adjoin the new All-Phase site. The firm stated it would pay its share of the street work on a frontage basis, up to a maximum of \$10,000 an acre for land purchase and street assessment. The street project will begin as soon as engineering work is done and bids are received and contracts let.

Resurfacing work being done now is on eight streets in the city and totals nearly two miles. Cost of this is \$47,890, provided in the current budget. Because no reconstruction work is involved, there is no special assessment cost to property owners.

Benton Harbor City Manager Don Stewart reviewed progress in a report to the city commission this week.

He said the asphalt paving contractor began preliminary work of adjusting manhole covers and water valve boxes and, by the end of July, had paved Nowlen street, from Highland to Territorial, and Benton street, from Highland to Main. More stretches have been paved since. Other streets involved are:

Lake, from Broadway to Colfax; Highland, for 100 feet west of Fair; Ogden, between Empire and Catalpa; Cedar, between Britain and Vineyard; Union, between Empire and Cross; and Broadway, between May and Emery.

Stewart reported on the Waukonda project, totaling about a half-mile and costing \$465,638. This cost is received from diverted federal funds, to the local Model Cities program.

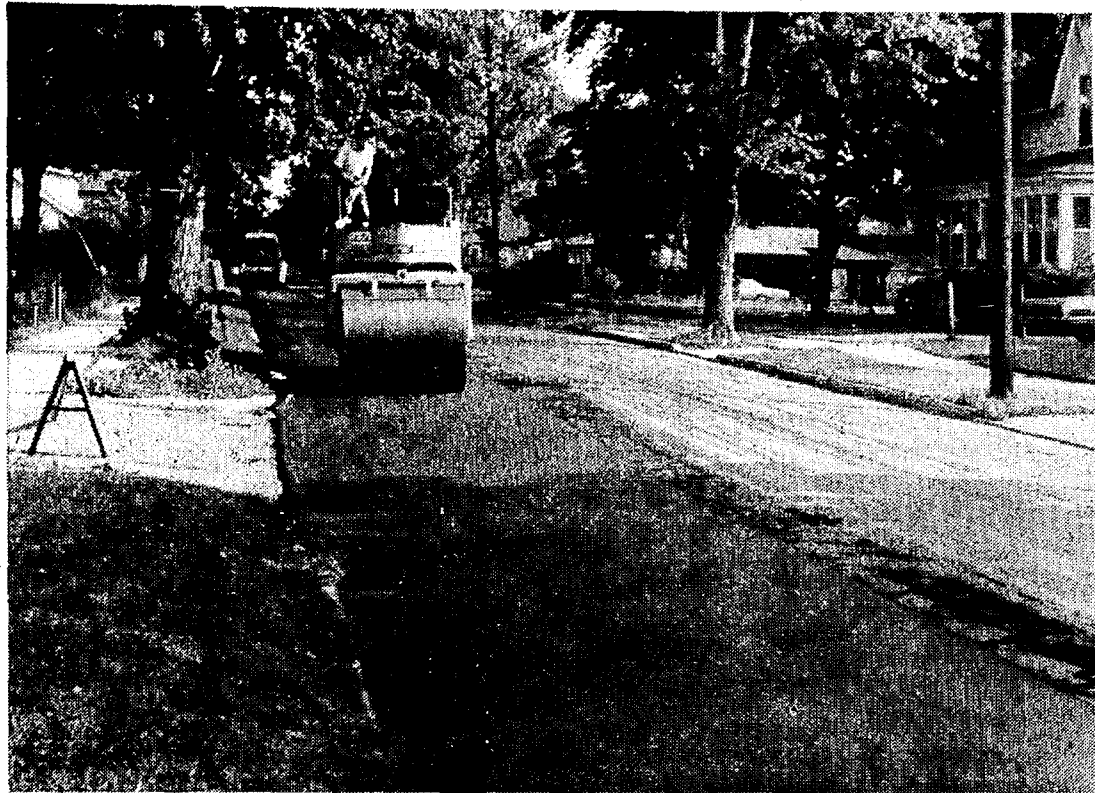
On Waukonda, paving has been constructed from Woodland in the township, to Paw Paw in the city, on the south half. It also is completed from Woodland, west, beyond Buena Vista on the north half. Intersections are in at North Winans, John, North McCord, north of Waukonda, at Woodland and Waukonda and Douglas and Woodland.

Sidewalk has been constructed on the east side of Woodland, from south of Waukonda to north of Territorial. Grading work is underway for the sidewalk on Waukonda. This project was scheduled for completion next October, but probably will be later, because of earlier delays.

The Michigan State Highway department already has acquired right-of-way for the M-139 relocation. Fair avenue will remain part of the complex, reverting to a one-way street, for south-bound traffic. The new M-139, to the east, will carry north-bound traffic from near Britain avenue, northward to East Main.

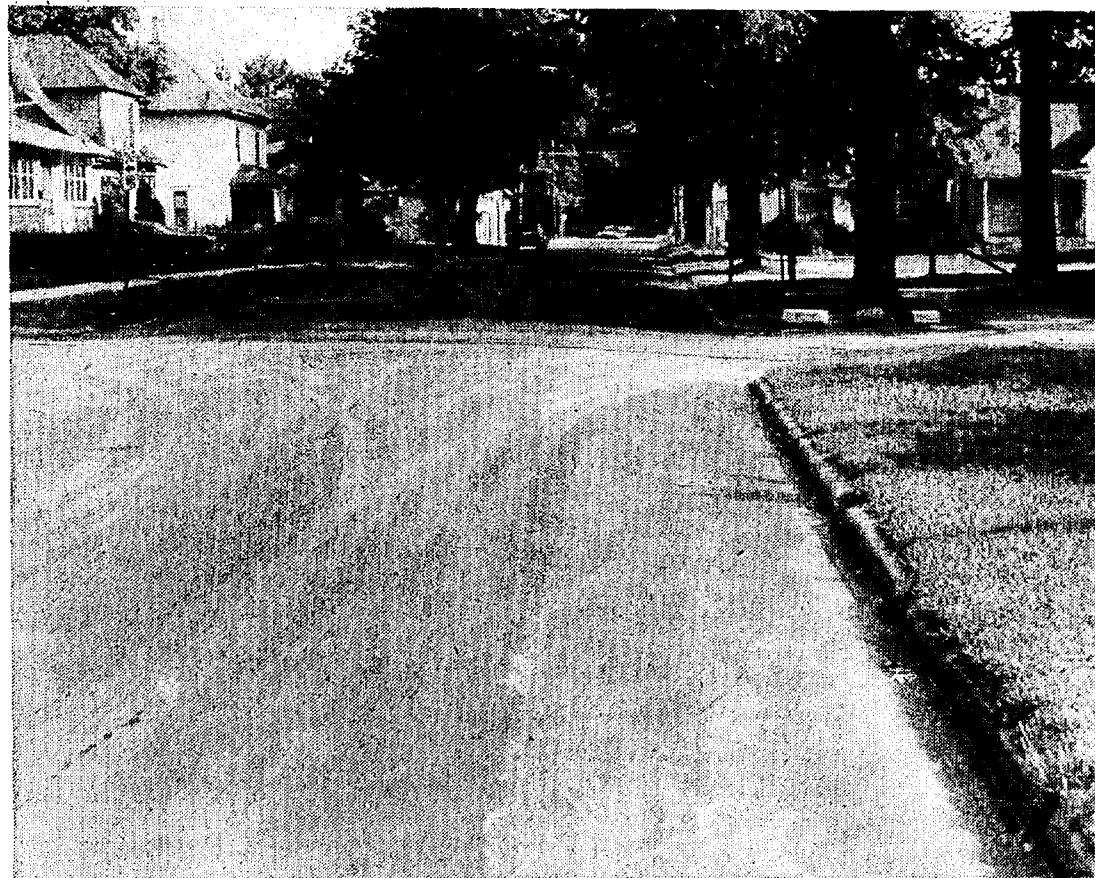
The state is entering in right-of-way negotiations in the bridge projects. The bridges earlier were expected to cost \$4.4 million. Both will be four lanes and will replace the 60-year-old highway and Morrison channel structures.

The state, in its Main street resurfacing, will be testing a new material, termed more skid-proof. This will be from just east of Colfax, west to just west of Tenth street. Cost to the city is \$1,580.



ROLLER IN ACTION: Asphalt roller at work on Cedar street is familiar sight in Benton Harbor these days, as eight streets are being resurfaced over total stretch of

nearly two miles at cost of \$47,890. Consumers Asphalt Paving Co. is resurfacing the city streets. (Staff photo)



- WORK COMPLETED: Improved thoroughfare is reflected along Benton street, where resurfacing work is completed. Street is shown from just north of Highland, looking north toward Main street. Also

completed is Nowlen, from Highland to Territorial, and a stretch of Highland, west of Fair avenue. (Staff photo)

SJ City Clerk Certifies Sparks' Rezone Petition

St. Joseph City Clerk Charles Rhodes Tuesday certified the initiatory petition presented the St. Joseph City Commission Monday night by former St. Joseph Mayor Tom Sparks.

Rhodes said that 60 of the 67 signatures were valid and that the other seven may or may not be valid.

Rhodes added that 27 correct signatures, or 15 per cent of 178, the latter number being the highest total of votes cast for any one commissioner in the April election, were all that were needed for certification.

The petition asks the commission to rezone four lots in the Shoreham addition at 3001 Lakeshore drive from C-1 multiple dwelling to light industrial.

The commission Monday night, over continued protests

during the past four weeks by Sparks, voted to change the zoning from light industrial to C-1 multiple dwelling so that Ben Teitel of South Haven can construct 116 additional units to the 138 that now make up the Lakecrest apartment complex.

According to City Attorney A. G. Preston Jr., the city commission has 20 days from Tuesday to either order the referendum set for Nov. 7 or rescind its rezoning action taken Monday night.

Involved in certification was verification of legal correctness and signatures.

Sparks, throughout his campaign to block the construction of additional apartment units, claims that industrial usage would provide better tax base and less congestion for the area.



YOUNG NIXON BACKERS: Although still too young to vote, Bradley Skolnik (left) and Jeff McAlvey, both 16, will be working next week at the Republican national convention at Miami Beach. Both are Benton Harbor high school juniors. They will be among 3,000 members of Young Voters for the President, assigned tasks at the convention. (Staff photo)

Two BHHS Juniors Slated For Role In GOP Convention

BY RALPH LUTZ
Staff Writer

Two Benton Harbor high school juniors will board a charter plane, bound Friday for Miami Beach, Fla., and the Republican national convention.

They are Jeff McAlvey and Bradley Skolnik, both 16, who are co-chairmen of Berrien county Young Voters for the President.

Although neither is old enough to vote yet, Jeff and Bradley will get some good experience, working at assigned tasks throughout the GOP convention. They will be among 3,000 youths, all attending at their own expense.

Jeff and Bradley, both of Fairplain, are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. McAlvey, 273 Robbins avenue; and Mrs.

and Mrs. Louis Skolnik, 277 Cherokee Trail.

The youths said they will fly to the convention from Chicago on Friday. They will be joined on the plane by other youths active in the GOP.

Jeff and Bradley said they don't know what their convention jobs will be, yet. They said areas of work include transporting delegates,

assisting delegates wherever needed, and aiding news media representatives. During the convention, Jeff and Bradley will stay at the Richmond hotel.

After the convention, the youths said they'll continue working to help get President Nixon re-elected. Their lapel buttons read, Nixon Now, and show that the GOP is making a pitch for youth along with McGovern.

CanAmer Auction In SJ

An auction to help raise money for the CanAmer Olympic Games will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the parking lot of the Holiday Inn in St. Joseph.

Among items to be sold will

be a window air conditioner, a trash masher, ski rack and three and four passenger airplane rides. All items were donated by local merchants.

John Glassman will be auctioneer.

BH Schoolmen Explain Need For Millage But Few Are Listening

Failure to pass 3.5 mills in operating taxes means further budget cuts of \$600,000, the Benton Harbor board of education warned last night.

The board said \$282,000 already has been trimmed and further reductions mean people and higher pupil-teacher ratios in the classroom.

The district's finances were outlined at a public meeting at Fairplain junior high. But the board's presentation fell on few ears. Only 14 citizens attended while all seven members of the board were on hand.

Two more meetings on millage will be held tonight at 7:30 in Seely McCord and Pearl schools. Two more

are scheduled tomorrow night at Lafayette and Hull schools.

District voters will ballot next Monday on 3.5 mills in operating taxes. The millage was defeated June 12 when it was on the same ballot with a \$25 million bond issue that got clobbered.

Frank Culby, board vice president, said the estimated preliminary budget was \$11,396,000. This has been reduced by \$282,000, mostly in maintenance.

Trustee Bernard Beland explained that since salaries are 80 to 85 per cent of school expenses, a cut of \$600,000 means fewer teachers.

Culby noted inflation is

responsible for over \$400,000 in school expenses figured at an annual rate of 4 per cent. The board is responsible for salaries and fringe benefits already negotiated and state law prevents a school board from knowingly adopting a deficit budget.

A member of the audience asked the board if it couldn't have held high school Principal David Hartenbach to his two-year contract.

Board members replied the board is bound by a contract, but it's difficult to retain an individual who wants to go elsewhere. The board Monday granted Hartenbach a contract release so he can become principal at Aurora, Colo.

Huge Crowd Attends Berrien Fair Opening

Crossbreed Steers Chosen As Top Beef Animals

BY ALAN AREND

Staff Writer

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Opening day at the Berrien County Youth Fair proved once again the ever increasing popularity of county fairs.

A total of 23,015 persons passed through the gates to the fairgrounds here, Tuesday, the second largest single-day crowd in the 27-year history of

the fair. The largest crowd was 23,533 on opening day last year.

Fair officials believed Tuesday's crowd would have broken the all-time record if not for threatening skies throughout the day and termed the attendance figure "most gratifying."

Although the sun only broke through the clouds off and on

during the day, it never did rain and a refreshing breeze with temperatures in the mid-70's made for a most pleasant day at the fair.

Two crossbreed steers were chosen the top beef animals of the fair yesterday, in line with a growing popularity of crossbreeds in the national beef production industry. Crossbreeds are considered

more vigorous gainers.

A 1,100 pound Charolais-Hereford crossbreed exhibited by 11-year-old Bill Foster of Niles was named the fair's grand champion market steer late Tuesday. An Angus-Hereford cross exhibited by Susan Sebasty of Buchanan was the reserve champion market steer.

The two prize winning animals are slated to be the first on the block at the annual livestock auction at 1 p.m. Friday.

The coveted Jack Dean Memorial trophy presented annually to the top horse exhibitor in fitting and showmanship was won by Lynn Bassler, 15, of Niles. Terry Zinkil, 17, of Stevensville, placed second in the competition.

Grand and reserve champions in food exhibits were also named Tuesday. Connie Norris of Route 1, Berrien Center, captured the top honor with her "German Black Forest Cherry Cake" and Laura Streffling of Route 2, Berrien Springs, was the reserve champion in foods.

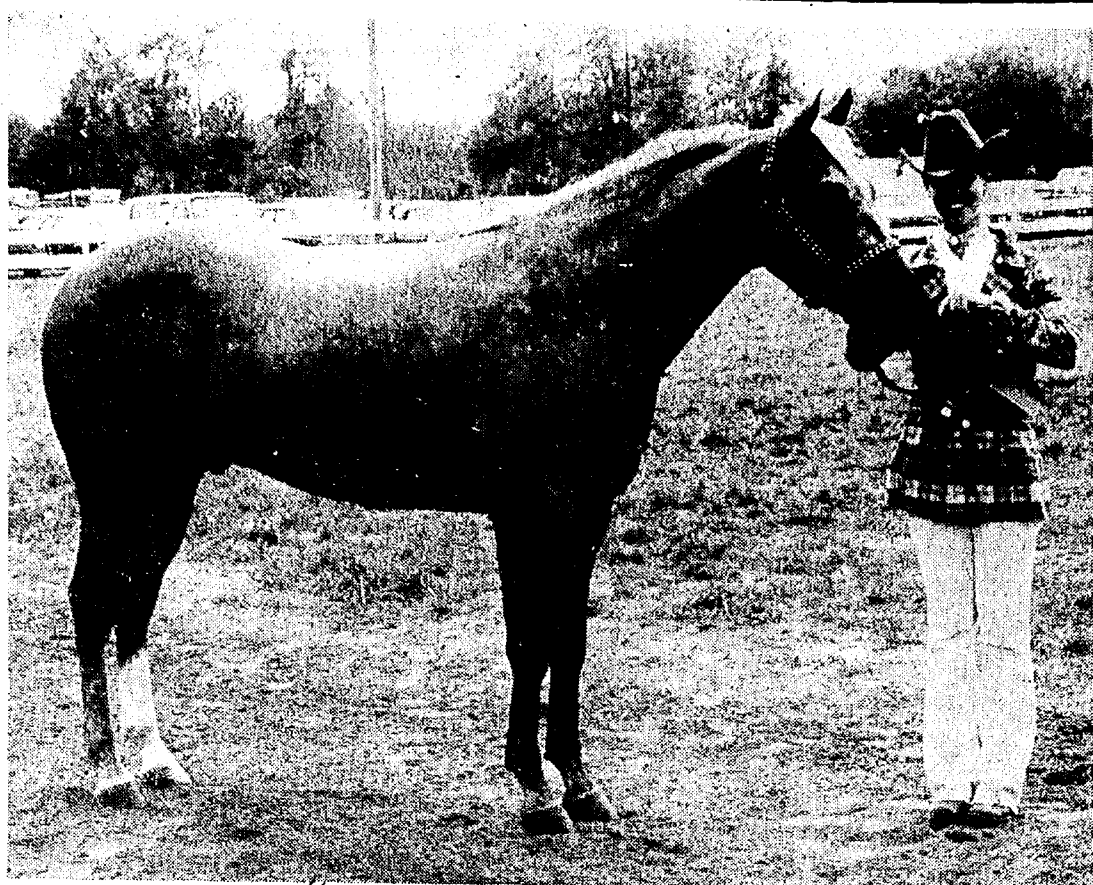
Individual breed champions in beef cattle competition were: Shorthorn — Bill Foster of Niles, champion; Bruce Foster of Niles, reserve; Charolais — Ron Ward of Niles, champion; Ted Shunkwiler of Berrien Springs, reserve; Hereford — Tom Walton of Three Oaks, champion; Erich Norris of Berrien Center, reserve; Angus — Tom Walton, champion; Linda Sebasty of Buchanan, reserve. Cross-bred — Bill Foster, champion; Susan Sebasty, reserve.

In beef breeding stock competition, winners were: Judy Jannert of Eau Claire, beef heifer calf; Joan Durm of Niles, beef yearling heifer; Tom Walton of Three Oaks, beef cow; Judy Jannert, beef cow and calf; and Tom Walton for grand and reserve beef female.

In beef showmanship competition first place winners were: Tom Walton, senior division; Susan Sebasty, intermediate division; and Roy Paturski of Niles, junior division.

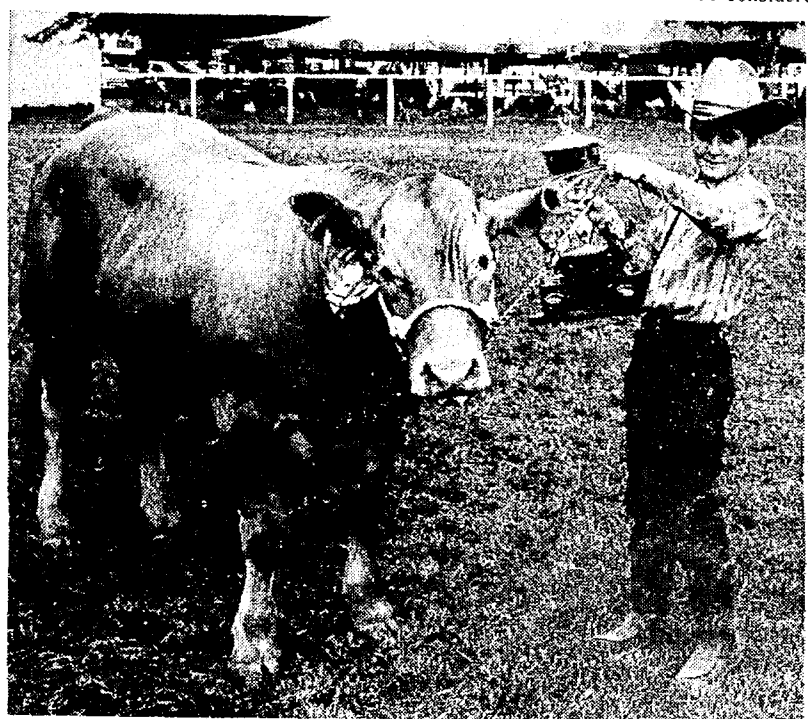
Individual winners in horse fitting and showmanship competition Tuesday were: Brenda Borst, Niles, five to seven-year-olds; Chris Rothfuchs, Buchanan, eight-year-olds; Benny Borkowski, Eau Claire, nine-year-olds; Jeff Holt, Watervliet, 10-year-olds; Julie Hein, Niles, 11-year-olds; Jeff Spitzer, Berrien Springs, 12-year-olds; Gwen Hein, Niles, 13-year-olds; Terry Brown, Buchanan, 14-year-olds; Lynn Bassler, Niles, 15-year-olds; Jeff Bujack, Watervliet, 16-year-olds; Terry Zinkil, St. Joseph, 17-year-olds and over.

Grand and reserve champions in English type horses shown under bridle or halter were: Sarah Petlick of Benton Harbor and Sharop Doolittle of



TOPS IN SHOWMANSHIP: Lynn Bassler, who will soon be 16, and her horse "El Tee Dee" captured the grand championship in horse fitting and showmanship competition Tuesday at the Berrien County Youth Fair. Her name will be inscribed along with past winners on

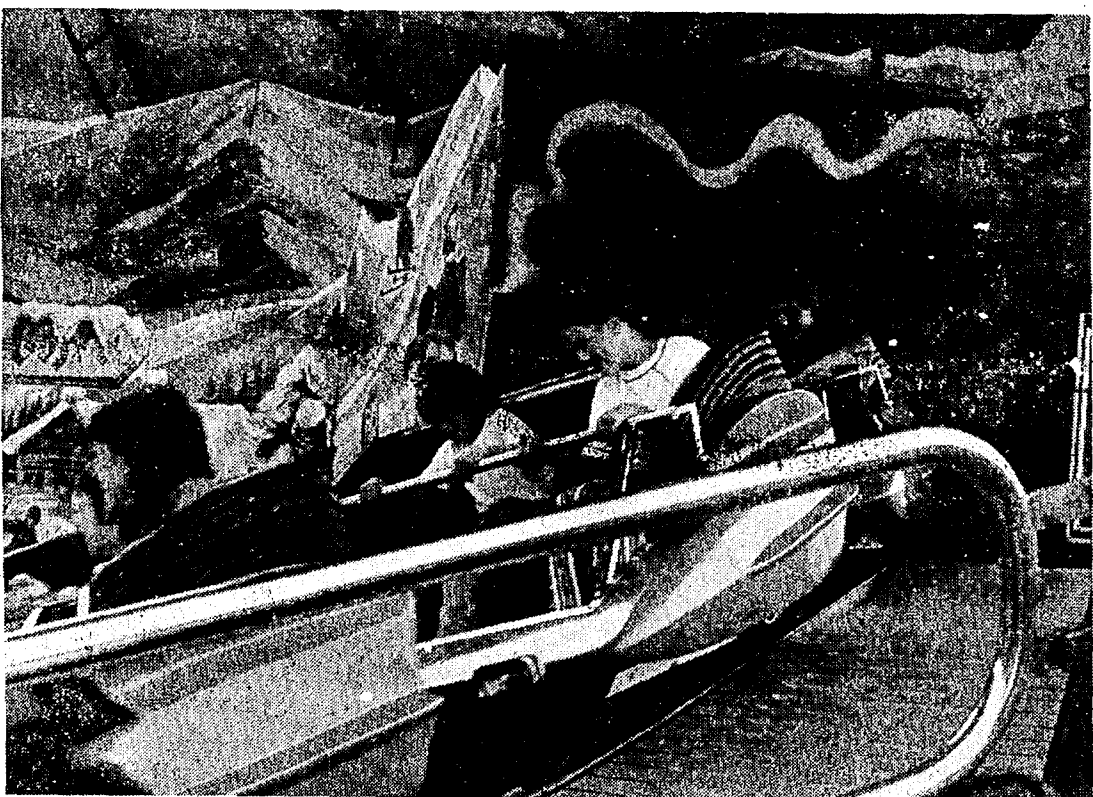
the coveted Jack Dean Memorial trophy. Lynn, who hopes to become a veterinarian is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Bassler of 2685 Chicago road, Niles. She'll be a junior at Niles high school. (Staff photo)



1,100 POUNDS OF BEEF: Bill Foster of Niles, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Foster, displays winning smile after 1,100 pound Charolais-Hereford crossbreed steer he exhibited was named grand champion market steer of 1972 Berrien County Youth Fair. Bill also exhibited the champion Shorthorn in his third year of beef competition at the fair. (Staff photo)



RESERVE CHAMPION: Terry Zinkil, 17, Stevensville, stands alert with her horse during judging for coveted Jack Dean Memorial trophy for Youth Fair's top rider and horse in fitting and showmanship. Terry and her horse earned reserve champion honors. Earlier she won first place in her age division. (Staff photo)



HOLD ON!: Youngsters attending the 1972 Berrien County Youth Fair hold on tight during one of the many fun-filled rides. The midway this year is full of many

attractions including numerous rides which will test the courage of many youngsters and oldsters alike. (Staff photo)

Niles, respectively.

Best of Fair awards in food exhibits were won by the following girls: Kris Haase, Benton Harbor, foreign foods; Judith Knuth, Coloma, creative cookery; Susan Sebasty, Buchanan, coffee cake; Connie Norris, Berrien Center, cake; Cheryl Dietel, Berrien Springs, bread; Dawn Pantalco, Berrien Springs, yeast rolls; Christine Keigley, Berrien Springs, pie; Tammy Jinkins, Watervliet, cookies; Karen Kolm, Berrien Springs, canning; and Carol Kolm, Berrien Springs, jams and jelly.

Judging of home economics, safety, handicraft, photos, flowers, first aid and scout displays continued today along with horses, sheep, swine, rabbits and poultry also were to be judged today.

Tuesday, Rex Rossi's All-American Rough Riders put on two shows, both before overflow crowds at the main grandstand. Entertainment acts at the main grandstand the rest of Fair week are as follows with two shows nightly at 7 and 9.

Wednesday — Sonny James and his Country Gentlemen.

Thursday — Sandi and Salli of the Lawrence Welk show.

Friday — The Sound Generation from John Brown university.

Saturday — James Darren.

WSAM Finds It Has Counterparts In Other Areas

The Women for Survival of Agriculture in Michigan is not the only organization of its kind, or even the first.

WSAM members have learned recently that even before they formed their free-wheeling action group a year ago, a very similar organization has been in existence about three years in Oregon.

The southwestern Michigan group would like to compare notes with the Oregon women and learn from their experiences. They might even try to set up an informal national alliance. But they don't want to set up a formal national organization, according to Mrs. Millie Wendzel of Watervliet, publicity chairman. That would take too much time and energy from their informal, hit-and-run forays into the public spotlight on behalf of agriculture.

The farm wives here would like to send a delegation of about four members to Oregon to contact and talk with their Oregon counterparts.

But in a year of a zero peach crop, the some \$1,500 it would take isn't that readily available from their personal resources.

So they are seeking contributions. Mrs. John Scherer, Jr., Route 5, Dowagiac, is in charge, but any WSAM member will take contributions.

Two Berrien Students Get Degrees
SERCY, Ark. — Robert C. Skaggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Skaggs, 646 North Euclid avenue, Benton township, and Kerry Lee Haus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haus, 562 Riverside drive, Watervliet, were among 104 who received degrees from Harding college at summer commencement. Skaggs and Haus received bachelor of arts degrees in accounting.

16 Prisoners Ask Court Order

Berrien Inmates Sue For Civil Rights

Sixteen inmates of the Berrien county jail have filed a petition in Berrien circuit court asking for a court order granting them "civil rights while under imprisonment."

The petitioners are asking for a writ of mandamus against Berrien Sheriff Forrest "Nick" Jewell to obtain seven civil rights they claim have been denied them.

The civil rights sought are: visits from relatives and friends from 12 to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday; cooked meals and meat in place of cold sandwiches; writing paper, envelopes, and stamps; commissary supplies

without "personal harassment from the officer in charge there."

Also, the inmates asked for permission to obtain magazines, newspapers and books at their own expense and release at least once daily from their cells for exercise; notice when they are to be taken to court or have attorney visits in order to prepare themselves; and permission to make one telephone call a week.

The inmates wrote and filed the petition themselves without legal assistance. The petition was mailed to

Circuit Judge Chester J. Byrns who routed it to the file clerk's office in the Berrien county courthouse.

The 16 inmates include 7 blacks, 8 whites and one Indian American. They are all in jail awaiting trial on felony charges ranging from breaking and entering and armed robbery to murder.

The case has been assigned to Judge Julian Hughes who will have the decision of whether to grant the prisoners a hearing.